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## A CATALOGUE OF THE COMMUNION TOKENS OF THE SHETLAND ISLANDS, SCOTLAND

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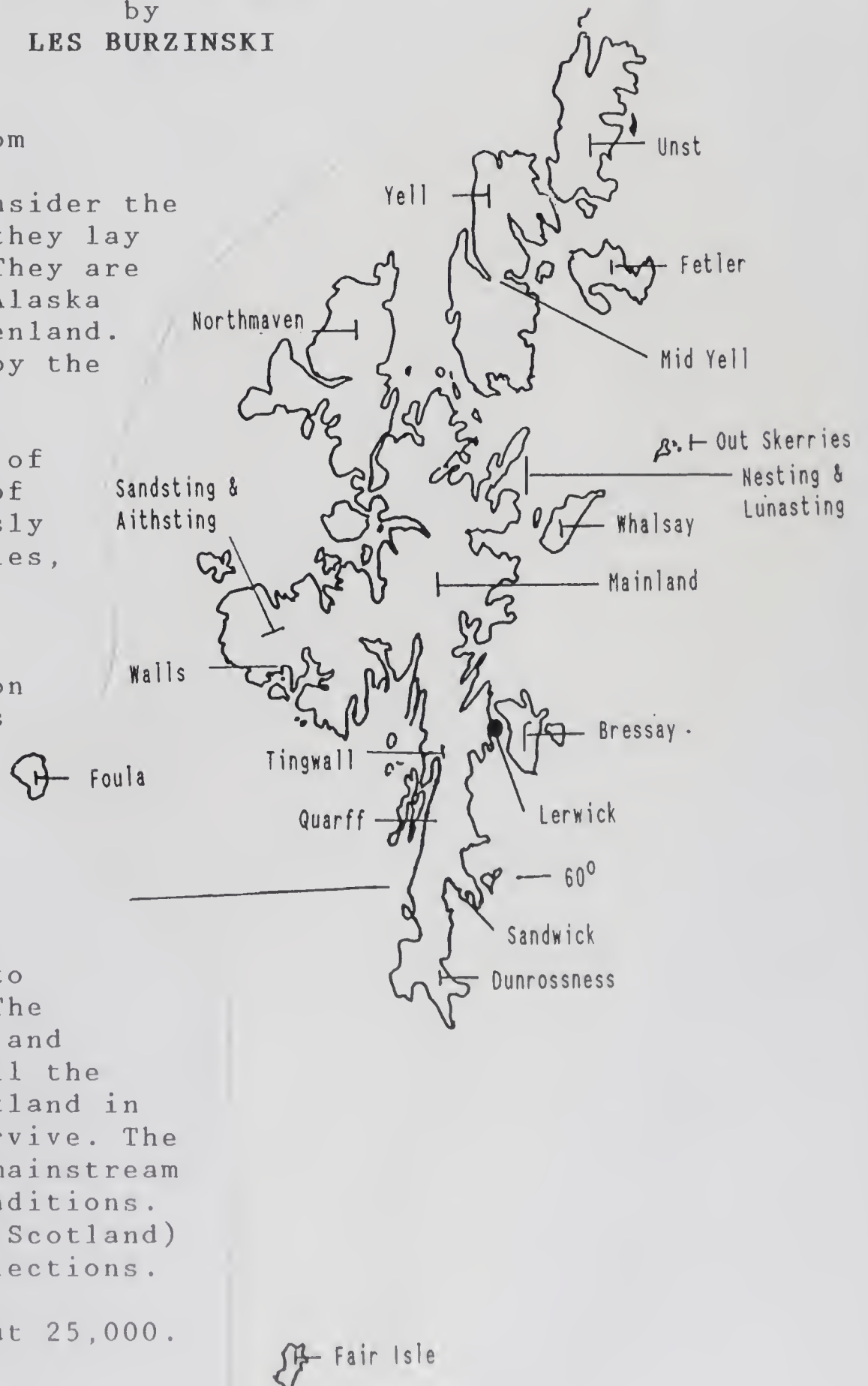
While most people do not consider the Shetland Islands as polar, they lay astride the 60th parallel. They are further north than Juneau, Alaska and the southern tip of Greenland. Their climate is moderated by the ocean.

The Shetlands are comprised of about 200 islands, only 24 of which are occupied. Previously well known for wool and ponies, they are now the center of the North Sea oil industry.

Agriculture is carried out on "crofts" of only a few acres of usable land. Sheep are grazed on common pasture. Many crofters supplement their income by fishing or working in the North Sea oil industry.

The islands were converted to Christianity in the 800's. The Norsemen invaded in the 8th and 9th centuries and ruled until the islands were annexed by Scotland in 1472. Many Norse customs survive. The islands remain outside the mainstream of Scottish history and traditions. Devolution (separation from Scotland) has been an issue in past elections.

Estimated population is about 25,000.



North of 60° ————— South of 50°



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE COMMUNION TOKEN: by O.D. Cresswell

Signs and tokens have been used since the earliest history of man, either to indicate membership of an elite society or to safeguard the members of an endangered group. In the early Christian Church the sign of the fish introduced one Christian to another; the initial letters of the Credo - Jesus, the Messiah, Son of God, Saviour - forming the Greek word Ichthus, a fish. The necessity for such secrecy disappeared when Christianity became the state religion of the Roman Empire.

At the time of the Reformation those who professed the Reformed Faith found themselves once again in the same position as their ancestors had in the persecutions of Diocletian. As an endangered group they used tokens to introduce one member to another and Calvin suggested that only those in possession of such Tokens be admitted to Communion. This was not carried out until after his death but by 1560 Communion Tokens were in use in France. In a short time their use had spread to Holland, Germany and the British Isles. Tokens continued in use as long as the persecution went on but with the coming of detente they ceased to be needed and they disappeared from use. In Scotland, however, the Communion Token was used to distinguish between branches of the Protestant Church, both the Episcopalean and the Presbyterian Churches using them for this purpose. Each in turn was the Established and the Non-Conformist Church and during the "Killing Times", when secrecy was a necessity, their use became firmly established in Scotland.

From Scotland the use of Communion Tokens as a part of Presbyterianism soon spread to Ireland and the north of England. With emigration to the New World the minister accompanied the emigrant ships, sometimes with his bag of tokens from his former charge in Scotland, and so this secondary phase of Communion Tokens spread. At the same time, the Presbyterian Church was becoming aware of its missionary role and tokens from the West Indies and the islands of the Pacific show how that call was answered.

By this time the metal Communion Token was ceasing to be used in many parishes in Scotland, being replaced by a printed card which had for some time been used along side it. However, in 1843, at what came to be called the Disruption, the Presbyterian Church in Scotland divided into two branches, the Church of Scotland and the Free Church of Scotland. This produced a flood of tokens from the new congregations of the Free Church and in many cases an answering issue of tokens from the older congregations, many in fact reintroducing metal tokens after a period of disuse. By the beginning of the twentieth century the use of the metal token was in decline.

It seems probable that the earliest tokens were pieces of lead bearing neither inscription no design, and in some parishes no other token was ever used. Shortly, however, to distinguish between the tokens of neighboring parishes, inscriptions and designs appeared. The initial letter of the name of the parish was widely used and then the first two letters of the initial and final letters were used. In many cases the initial letter was followed by K, for Kirk. To a slightly later period belong tokens where the K is replaced by C for Church, or Congregation, or perhaps Communion. The minister at an early period placed his own initials on the tokens, often preceded by M for Mr., the title Rev. coming at a much later date. One point to remember is that an initial J is usually shown as a capital I, the use of the J seeming to date from about 1800.

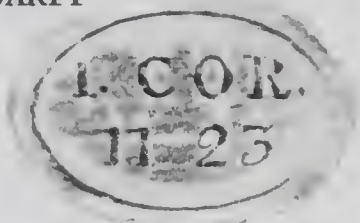
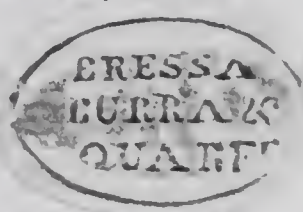
Where the minister's initials appear but the parish name is missing then these tokens were the minister's personal property. They could be taken with him and used in another parish if the minister transferred to a new charge. Most ministers issued a single token during their ministry, normally in the first year or two, and indeed many ministers refused to use tokens bearing the name of their predecessor.



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by Les Burzinski

## BRESSAY, BURRA & QUARFF

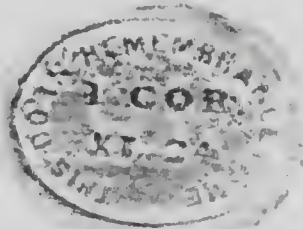
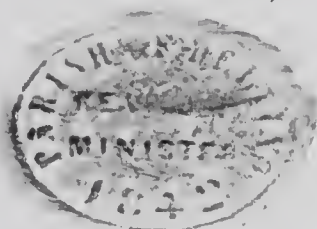


- 1) Obv. BRESSAY/BURRA &/QUARFF  
Rev. 1 Cor./11 23  
WM, oval 30x21  
Ref. CR-874, 42-178

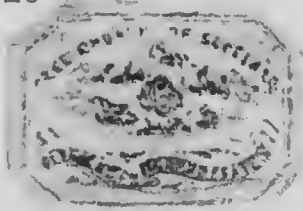
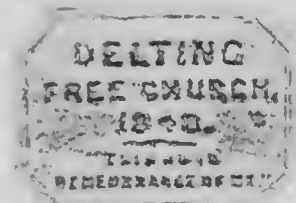
## DELTING



- 2) Obv. D/1798  
Rev. Blank  
Lead, rect., c.c. 16x14  
John Morrison, 1782-1818  
Ref. CR-1606, 7-286



- 3) Obv. PARISH OF DELTING/REVD. J.P./MINISTER 1842  
Rev. THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME (around edge), 1. COR./XI. 24 (in center).  
WM, oval, 28x22  
John Patton, 1821-1847  
Ref. CR-1694, 42-325



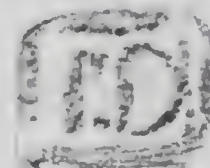
- 4) Obv. DELTING FREE CHURCH./1848/"THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."  
Rev. FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND/ (burning bush)/ NEC TAMEN CONSUMBATUR. Makers name at bottom, CRAWFORD GLASGOW  
WM, rect., c.c., 27x20  
John Duncan M'Intyre, 1846-1866  
Ref. CR-1695, 44-176

- 5) Obv. Two small circles, one within the other near center of token.  
Rev. Blank  
?, rect., 22x17  
Ref. CR-6378, 7-284A



- 6) Obv. M/IB/1753  
Rev. Blank  
Lead, rect. 22x16  
John Barclay, 1751-1781  
Ref. CR-4215, 7-285

## DUNROSSNESS



- 7) Obv. D.K  
Rev. I:D  
WM, rect., 19x16  
John Duncan, 1805-1813  
Ref. CR-1752, 42-374

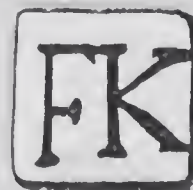


- 8) Obv. DK  
Rev. 1749  
WM, rect. 19x16  
John Mill, 1743-1805  
Ref. CR-1755, 7-348



- 9) Obv. DK  
Rev. 1797  
WM, rect. 19x14  
John Mill, 1743-1805  
Ref. CR-1756, 7-349

## FAIR ISLE



- 10) Obv. FK  
Rev. IM/1758  
WM, Square, 17x17  
John Mill, 1743-1805  
Ref. CR-2283, 7-416

## FETLER

- 11) Obv. FETLER/FREE CHURCH  
Rev. THIS DO IN/REMBRANCE/OF ME  
WM, rect. c.c. 25x19  
Ref. CR-2258, 44-287

## FETLER & NORTH YELL

- 12) Obv. F  
Rev. JI  
WM, up right rect. 16x10  
James Ingram, 1803-1821  
Ref. CR-2201, 42-469



- 13) Obv. F.N.Y./I.COR./11.28  
Rev. CHAS. COWAN/MINR/1832  
WM, oval, 28x19  
Charles Cowan, 1822-1829  
Ref. CR-2289, 42-470

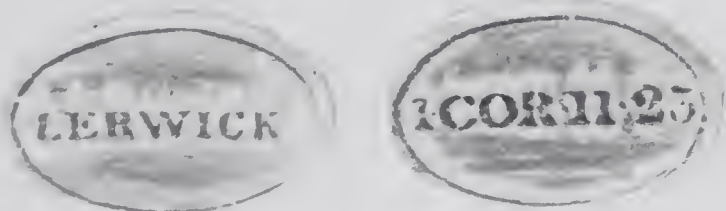


- 14) Obv. F.N.Y./C.C.M.  
Rev. I.COR/11.28  
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Charles Cowan, 1822-1829  
Ref. CR-2290, 42-471

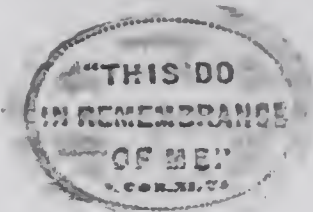


- 15) Obv. FR (in monogram)  
Rev. Blank  
?, up right rect., r.c., 21x14  
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## LERWICK

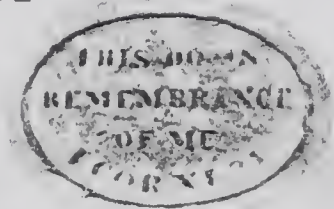
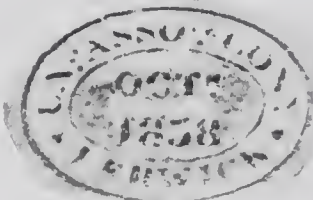


- 16) Obv. LERWICK  
Rev. 1.COR.11.23  
WM, oval, 30x19  
Ref. CR-3712, 42-890

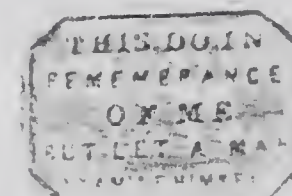
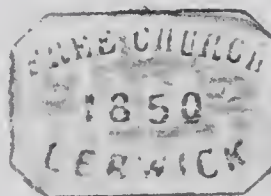


- 17) Obv. LERWICK  
Rev. "THIS DO/IN REMEMBRANCE/OF ME."  
WM, oval, 27x21  
Ref. CR-3713, 42-891

- 18) Obv. LERWICK  
Rev. "THIS DO/IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."/  
I.COR.XI.24. (in small letters)  
WM, oval, 27x21  
Ref. CR-3714, 42-892

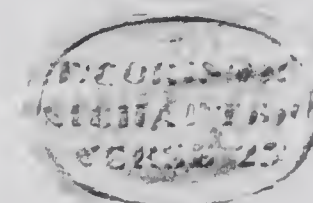
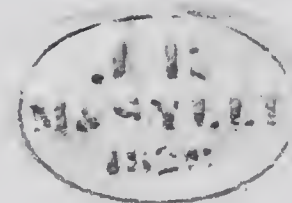


- 19) Obv. UND. ASSOTE. CONN./OCTR./1838/  
LERWICK  
Rev. THIS DO IN/REMEMBRANCE/OF ME/  
I.COR.XI24  
WM, oval, 28x21  
Ref. CR-3715, D-595



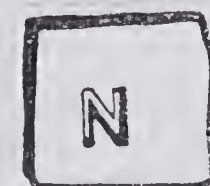
- 20) Obv. FREE CHURCH/1850/LERWICK  
Rev. THIS DO IN/REMEMBRANCE/OF ME  
BUT LET A MAN/EXAMINE HIMSELF  
WM, rect., c.c., 27x19  
John Morgan, 1844-1892  
Ref. CR-3716, 44-846

## MID & SOUTH YELL



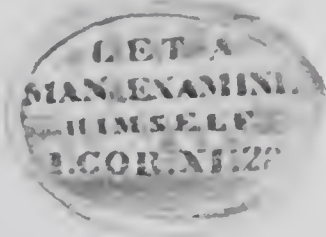
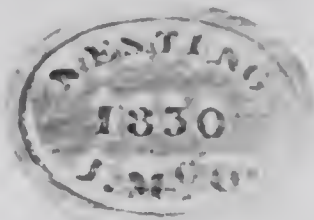
- 21) Obv. J.R/M&S./YELL/1828  
Rev. 1ST CORINTH/XI CHAPTER/ VERSE  
23D  
WM, oval, 27x19  
James Robertson, 1828-1844  
Ref. CR-4463, 42-1313

## NESTING



- 22) Obv. N (incuse)  
Rev. 2 (incused table number)  
Lead, square, 16x16  
Ref. CR-4526, 40-228





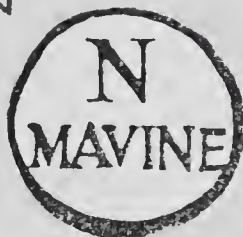
- 23) Obv. NESTING/1830/J.M<sup>C</sup>.G  
 Rev. LET A/MAN EXAMINE/HIMSELF/  
 I.COR.XI.28  
 WM, oval, 28x21  
 James MacGowan, 1827-1846  
 Ref. CR-4563, 42-1012

## NESTING & LUNASTING

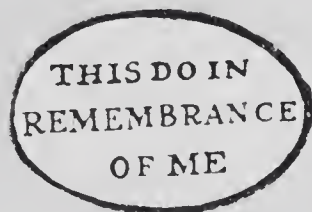


- 24) Obv. NL (in mongram, N retrograde)  
 Rev. Blank  
 Lead, square, 13x13  
 Ref. CR-4646, 7-862

## NORTHMAVEN

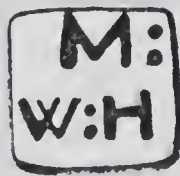
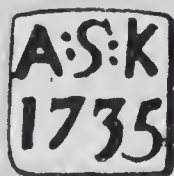


- 25) Obv. N/MAVINE  
 Rev. Blank  
 Lead, round, 21mm  
 Ref. CR-4662, 40-233

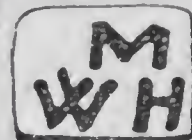
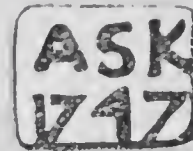


- 26) Obv. NORTHMAVINE/(fish)/ W.W. MINR./  
 1809  
 Rev. THIS DO IN/REMEMBRANCE OF ME  
 WM, oval, 28x19  
 Ref. CR-4680, 42-1037
- 27) Obv. as #26  
 Rev. as #26  
 Lead, oval, 28x19  
 Ref. CR-4680A, 42-1038

## SANDSTING & AITHSTING



- 28) Obv. A:S:K:/1735  
 Rev. M/WH  
 Lead, rect., 16x14  
 Walter Hugens, 1733-1769  
 Ref. CR-464, 7-992



- 29) Obv. ASK/1747  
 Rev. M/WH  
 Lead, rect. 16x13  
 Walter Hugens, 1733-1769  
 Ref. CP-465, 40-263

- 30) Obv. S 1790  
 Rev. P.B  
 Lead, rect. 16x13  
 Patrick Barclay, 1781-1812  
 Ref. CR-5361, 7-992A

## SANDWICK

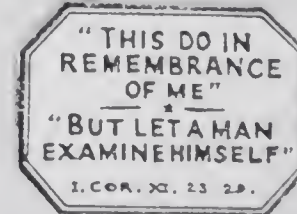
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 Rev. I COR. XI 23  
 Lead, oval, 27x21  
 Ref. CR-5378, 42-1157

- 32) Obv. SANDWICK  
 Rev. I COR. 11. 23  
 Lead, oval, 27x22  
 Ref. CR-5379, 42-1158

## SOUTH YELL



- 33) Obv. SOUTH YELL/PARISH CHURCH/1880  
 Rev. "THIS DO IN/REMEMBRANCE/OF  
 ME."/  
 I.COR.XI.24.  
 WM, rect., c.c. 27x19  
 John Watson, 1876-1914  
 Ref. CR-5565, 42-1314



- 34) Obv. SOUTH YELL/PARISH CHURCH/1880  
 Rev. "THIS DO IN/REMEMBRANCE/OF ME"  
 "BUT LET A MAN/EXAMINE HIM-  
 SELF."  
 /I.COR.XI.23 29.  
 WM, rect. c.c., 27x19

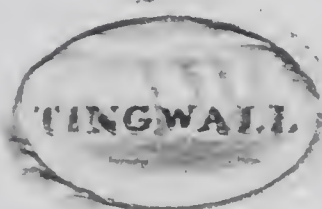


John Watson, 1876-1914  
Ref. CR-5566, 42-1315

## TINGWALL



- 35) Obv. M/W.M/1777  
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Lead, rect., r.c., 17x16  
William Mitchell, 1749-1792  
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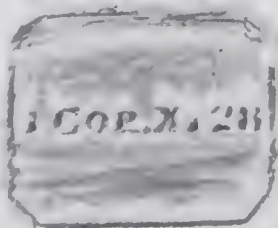
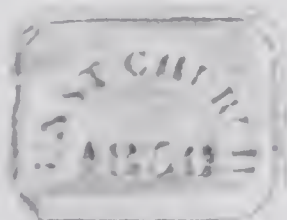


- 36) Obv. TINGWALL  
Rev. 1.COR.11.23  
WM, oval, 28x24  
Ref. CR-5996, 42-1248
- 37) Obv. T.K/1728  
Rev. I.G.  
Lead, rect. 19x13  
James Greirson, 1706-1747  
Ref. CR-6012, 7-1080A
- 38) Obv. T.K.  
Rev. M/I.S.  
Lead, rect., 19x13  
James Sands, 1793-1805  
Ref. CR-6010, 7-1080B

## UNST



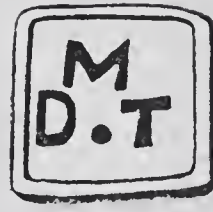
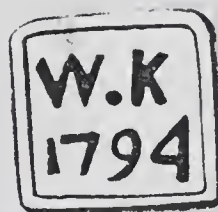
- 39) Obv. U  
Rev. Blank  
Lead, rect. 19x17  
Ref. CR-6113, 7-1115



- 40) Obv. UNST CHURCH/1850  
Rev. I COR. XI 28  
WM, rect., c.c., 27x21  
Gordon U. MacIntosh, 1843-1864  
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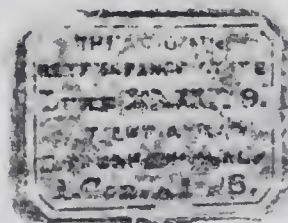
## WALLS

- 41) Obv. PARISH/OF/WALLS/1856  
Rev. THIS DO IN/REMEMBRANCE/OF ME./  
BUT LET A MAN/EXAMINE/HIMSELF  
WM, rect., c.c., 27x21  
Ref. CR-6200, 42-1290
- 42) Obv. W.K/1804  
Rev. M/D.T  
?, square, 19x19  
David Thomson, 1787-1828  
Ref. CR-6311, 42-1289



- 43) Obv. W.K/1794  
Rev. M/D.T  
Lead, rect., 21x19  
David Thomson, 1787-1828  
Ref. CR-6310, 7-1126

## WHALSAY & SKERRIES



- 44) Obv. PARISH OF/WHALSAY &/SKERRIES/  
S HETLAND around the edge. NEC  
TAMEN CONSUMBATUR around burning  
bush, 1867 below.  
Rev. THIS DO IN/REMEMBRANCE OF ME/LUKE  
XXII.19./BUT LET A MAN EXAMINE  
HIMSELF/I.COR.XI.28.  
WM, rect., c.c., 27x21  
Angus Willins, 1864-1872  
Ref. CR-5448, 42-1296
- 45) Obv. As #44, but 1903  
Rev. "THIS DO IN/REMEMBRANCE/OF ME"/  
"BUT LET A MAN/EXAMINE HIMSELF/  
I.COR.XI.23-29  
WM, rect., 27x19  
Charles Stobie, 1876-1910  
Ref. CR-5449, 42-1297



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I am now at work on a new catalog of world wide communion tokens. If anyone out there has a token in their collection not listed by any of the previous catalogers I would like to hear from you. I will also list commemorative communion tokens.

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## ABBREVIATIONS:

Obv. = obverse; Rev. = reverse; Ref. = reference; WM = white metal;  
? = metal unknown; rect. = rectangle; c.c. = cut corners; r.c. = round corners.

When a / is used in the description, it means that the legend on the token continues on the next line.

## ABOUT THE MAP:

Some of the localities that issued tokens are not noted on the map. These were not shown on current maps available to your editor. Where the line indicating a location ends at a point, that is the approximate location of a town or village. Where the line ends with a †, this indicates a locality that cannot be pinpointed, such as an island or parish.



## EDITORIAL

Welcome to our 16th year! I think we are starting it off on the right foot, with Les Burzinski's "Catalogue of the Communion Tokens of the Shetland Islands, Scotland. This is just a warm up for Les' major project, a catalogue of worldwide communion tokens. We would like to thank Les for providing this information for us. We hope that you enjoy this diversion from Alaskan articles.

On the following page is a copy of a certificate of authenticity from the wreck of De Liefde, a ship of the Dutch East India Company. Your editor has recently started collecting coins from ship wrecks and this one is of particular interest. Read the certificate to see why it is included in this issue.

Our thanks go out to our regular contributors. If you have anything you would like to add to the newsletter, please feel free to drop us a line. We would be happy to have whatever appropriate information that you would like to provide. Appropriate credit will be given. Sometimes we do forget, so please remind us.

### BUYING — WANTED FOR RESEARCH AND RECORDING

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## PRICES REALIZED



Ron Benice reports that a gold Alaska Statehood medal (illustration above is reduced) containing about 7 ounces of gold sold at a Stack's Coin Galleries sale on November 11, 1993 for \$4100. The companion silver medal sold for \$210, while the bronze brought \$75. These prices do not include the 10% buyer's fee. That is quite some price for the bronze, as we have been selling these, when available, for \$25!



Ron also reports the sale of a First National Bank of Fairbanks \$5 National Currency, 1929 T2 sold for \$12,000 plus a 10% buyer's fee in Lyn Knight's Nov. 12, 1993 auction. Ron's informant says that it went to a non-Alaskan mail bidder.

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**The De Liefde  
Built in 1698  
Sunk November 7th, 1711**

In early November, 1711, a Dutch East India Company vessel, the *De Liefde*, left Texel, Netherlands, on her fourth trade voyage to Batavia in the East Indies. She never made it. In the northern waters, 700 miles from England, she was rushed into the rocks and sank near the southeastern most point of the Out Skerries, a small island group off Shetland Island.

For hundreds of years, little has been known of her general cargo and of what actually happened during that storm, but today, more than 250 years later, the story of the *De Liefde* – what she was carrying to trade, and what the end was like for her 299 doomed passengers – is gradually being unfolded through the discovery of coins, bits of china and other "treasure" being literally dug up from the enveloping sea bed by a group of British divers on a treasure-hunting expedition.

The *De Liefde*, according to a new estimate, carried more than 500,000 Dutch guilders, and a supply of gold ingots, as yet unfound. The yield from this year's salvaging operation, only six weeks' diving in all, is 4,320 Dutch guilders, dated between 1618 and 1711. (It was the dates of such coins which established the identification of the ship as the *De Liefde*.)

Most metals – gold is an exception – would be destroyed after submersion in sea water for 260 years, but the *De Liefde's* silver and iron has been preserved by a beautiful conglomeration of tar and decomposed wood. The theory about this tar is that the ship carried barrels of it, used for treating the timbers of the vessel while on a long voyage or, at its destination, for the building of timber houses.

Most significant of the objects recovered during the past five years are the nearly 5,000 silver ducatoons, the largest quantity ever discovered in the United Kingdom, and possibly in Europe. As far as is known, this recovery represents the sole source of coins from the year 1711; one coin, dated 1707, is the only one of that date in existence, according to a leading authority in Amsterdam. In general, the treasure extracted by the *De Liefde* expedition includes 4,170 silver coins minted between 1632 and 1711; 20 gold coins; two types of bar shot; four, eight and twelve-pound cannon balls; one cannon; and odds and ends ranging from sewing thimbles to silverware, nails, a piece of canvas preserved 256 years under the sea, and four breech blocks, believed to be the only ones of their kind recovered from a sailing ship in British waters.

All this has been brought up from the depths off the bleak Out Skerries – where the winds rip hard enough to raise bruises on a landlubber, and the coldness of the sea curtails a diver's working time – by the combined efforts of this group of young Englishmen employing electronic aids, ingenuity and the fruits of painstaking research.

Richard H. Ponterio, President

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ANCHORAGE: A Taste of Anchorage. Sheet of coupons worth \$5. Yellow with black lettering. Nine small coupons and one large coupon. Full sheet shown at left, the back of a partial sheet shown above. 102mm by 153mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

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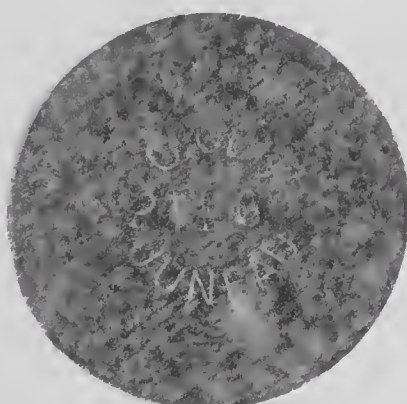
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**ANCHORAGE:** Alaska Cab. Co., Ride Value \$5. Uniface, 37mm, blue on gold anodized aluminum (submitted by Edward Tatarka).



**ANCHORAGE:** Roberts Billiard-Bowling, 12 1/2 Cents in trade. Octagonal copper, 28mm (submitted by Ron Benice).

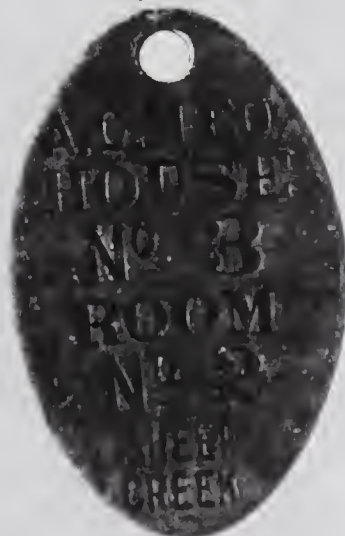


**JUNEAU:** C.C. CLUB, TLG (bifacial), chip. Two types; gold on orange and gold on navy blue, 39mm, border not visible (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**(JUNEAU):** Elks 420, Rain Check. Gold on lavender, 40mm, B border (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

**SHEEP CREEK (THANE), AK:** A.G.M. House No. 3, Room No. 2. Brass with hole, 34mm by 52mm. Sheep Creek is the original name of Thane (submitted by Edward Tatarka & W.E. Nickell).



**DAWSON, YUKON:** The City Cafe, W. Thomson, \$10 meal card, circa 1937. Black printing, color of card not reported, 100mm by 60mm (submitted by Jim Robb).



**DAWSON, YUKON:** Klondike Hotel, Ben. R. Everett, I.O.U., circa 1902. Black printing, color of paper not reported, 74mm by 68mm (reported by Jim Robb).



**WHITEHORSE, YUKON:** Garbage collection sticker, valid for the collection of ONE standard size garbage container. Black on hot pink, 76mm by 70 (sub. by Jim Robb).



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## THE SERUM RUN FEBRUARY, 1925

In 1925, a diptheria epidemic broke out in Nome. The available supplies of serum to combat this disease were soon depleted. News reached the outside, and additional supplies were brought to Nenana by railroad.

From Nenana, it was a long distance relay race by dog team. Twenty mushers covered the 675 miles in 5.5 days. After the serum arrived in Nome, the mushers that took part were awarded a certificate by the Territory of Alaska in "Grateful Recognition and Appreciative Acknowledgment are Hereby Given to the Self-sacrificing Service Rendered by..." (see March 1985 ATC&PN for more information)

The mushers also received a medal presented by the H.K. Mulford Pharmaceutical Co. of Philadelphia. These medals are quite rare. Twenty were inscribed and presented to the mushers, and at least one uninscribed, unrepresented specimen is known.

The obverse of the medal has a depiction of a dog team and the legend "Service Valor Nenana Nome".

The legend on the reverse of the medal states "Mulford Laboratories/ For the Conservation of Life/ Awarded/ to/ (blank)/ For Heroic Service/ H.K. Mulford Co./ Philadelphia/ February 1925". This side of is illustrated above, but you will note that it is a mirror image. This is the die, rather than the medal! This die is a hefty piece of steel, the face that you see is 55.5mm while the overall diameter is 62.5mm.

Making an appearance in a major auction sale this past autumn, this die seems to have escaped the attention of serious Alaskan collectors. ARCI was fortunate to acquire this very desirable piece of Alaskan history.

Interest is rather heavy. One prominent Iditarod racer has expressed an interest, as has a local museum. At this time, we are not actively marketing the die, but rather showing it to people that might find it of interest. We have not decided if this is a keeper, or if it will be sold at a later date. We will keep you posted.





## EDITORIAL

I think you can understand why we are excited about the die on the front page. It is not often the one gets to possess something of such rarity and historical value.

If we do sell it, we will try to make something available to subscribers impressed from it. I tried modeling clay, but I could not peel the clay and retain a good impression. When we order dies for medals, instead of a lead striking, we now get a rubber impression. If we can get the material that the mint uses, we will try to produce an impression for those who want one.

"Made in Occupied Japan" items are hot, or so I have read. The ashtray on page 16 will probably make it into our fall auction, provided we can gather some information on it.

Finally, Alaskan Znachki Bulletin makes a rare appearance this month. We had two neat older buttons, so why not resurrect AZB for another issue!

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## YUKON PLACES & NAMES

The book, "Yukon Places & Names" by R. Coutts has been offered by us in the past for \$17 in the hard bound edition. Through a fortunate purchase, we are offering this book for \$10, postpaid via bookrate. Supplies are limited, so if you would like a copy of this book, please order early.

This book is a wealth of information, and of use to anyone interested in the Yukon. With it, we were able to trace the route of the steamships for which the ticket on page 17 was issued.

### POSSIBLE HOARD

Kurtis Hawk reports that there may be a hoard of approximately 25-27 sets of the Icy Straits Salmon Co. tokens from Hoohah. Fortunately, even if this is the case, the tokens have been plentiful enough in the past. Kurtis reports that the asking price is about \$200 per set, a bit on the high side.



For those interested, Kurtis's wandering days are over, as he is now a permanent employee at the Alaska Lands Information Center in Anchorage! Too bad, Kurtis, no more warm winters in Florida and Arizona!

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## THE DELTANA FAIR DELTA JCT., ALASKA



Most Alaskans are familiar with the Tanana Valley State Fair and the Alaska State Fair of Palmer. These fairs alternate the "official" State Fair designation each year. Both of these are highly commercialized affairs, and while not on the scale of county fairs "outside", they are substantial events with more emphasis on entertainment than on the more traditional aspects such as agriculture, livestock and hand crafts.

The Deltana Fair started as an outgrowth of the Delta Chamber of Commerce Buffalo Barbecue, an annual event since 1965. The first fair was held in August of 1980, and has grown to be a respectable, scaled down version of the larger two fairs. But because of the smaller population base, it still maintains the traditional atmosphere of a fair based on a community's pride in its produce, husbandry and homemaker skills. Virtually the entire community, including Fort Greely, participates in putting on a successful event.

In 1988, the fair moved to the current fairgrounds. Permanent structures include the livestock barn, Horse racing/roping arena, livestock arena, Alascom Stage and Lions Den.

As is appropriate, its first button was issued in 1980, with a very simple design of a pennant and legend. This button, and the 1981 are very similar, the 1981 button lacking "First" in the legend. Both are blue on yellow. Some later buttons repeat the original design, while others display the theme for the year.

(continued on page 1 )





1990 yellow on blue



1990 Clowning Around, yellow on blue



1991 Mountains of Fun in '91,  
blue on yellow



A very interesting button was submitted by Stanley Robertson. Very simple, black on white, one must wonder the purpose of this piece.

As with many frontier towns, any excuse for a celebration would bring out a parade and other activities. Our guess is that this was some how connected with the 4th of July celebration.

In any case, a puzzling piece, probably quite rare!

ALASKA NEEDS JOHNSON



What we would need Johnson for is beyond me, but you know how politicians are. The button is red, white and blue.

Submitted by John Poling a couple of years ago, he advises that this button realized \$500 and \$750 at auction between 1990 and 1992.

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Editor - Dick Hanscom



Finally, our favorite, but the copy is not good enough to identify the year. A pink pig, with the rest of the pin in blue, red and gold. Issued for the Pig Races!



## MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIBLES

The item at the upper right comes from Brian Denman. It is an advertising tobacco cutter. Bockfinger is found in Dawson in 1901 as an agent for Townsend & Rose. The cutter is chromium plated steel.

There was a green paper token issued at Woodchopper, Alaska by Bockfinger and Kerry, circa 1908. Is this the same Bockfinger? How many Bockfingers do you know? Our guess is that this is probably the same person.

The next item is a souvenir ashtray. Because of the relief, it did not photocopy well. It is made of a very soft white metal alloy. It is 121mm by 94mm.

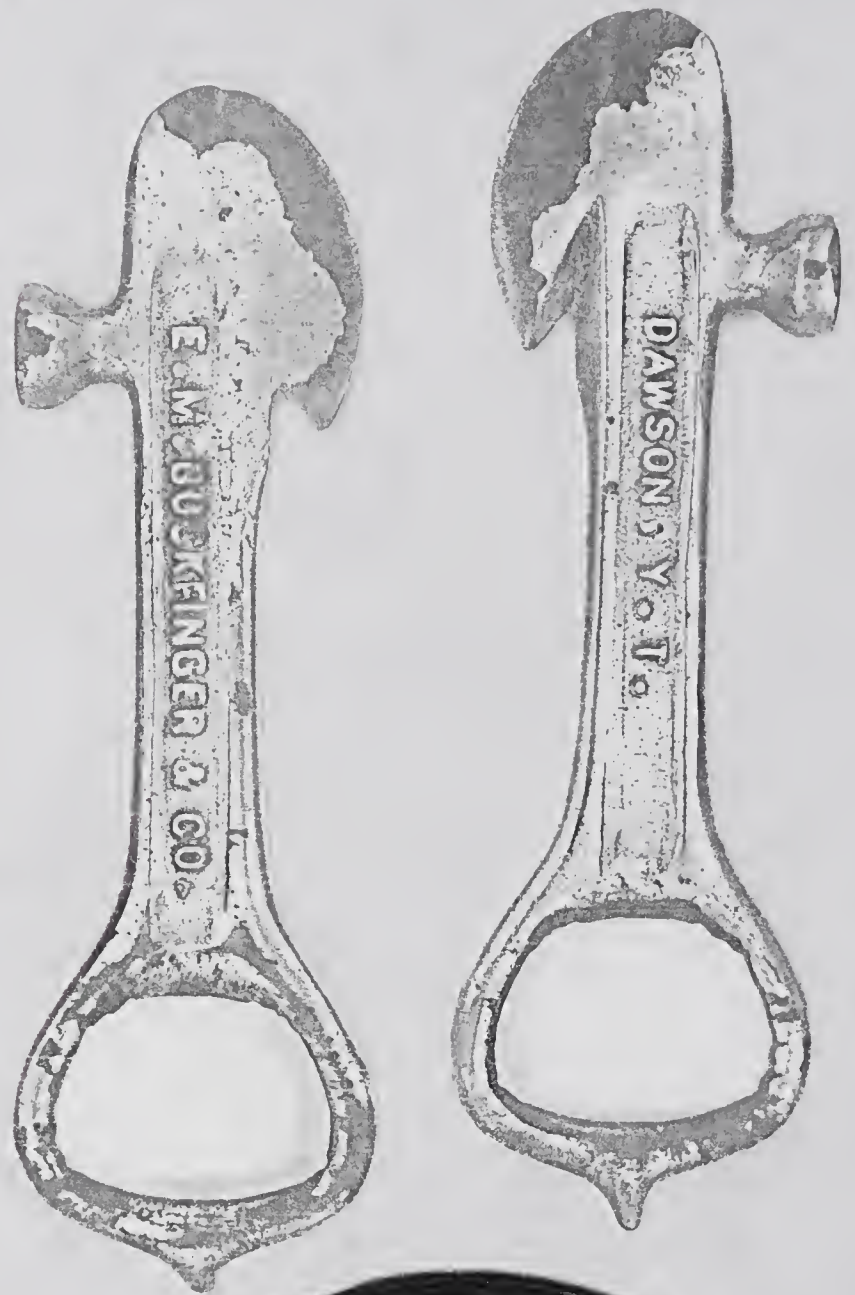
At the top is a dog team. At 3:00 is a cache. The legend "Land of the Midnight Sun/ ALASKA" is at the bottom, and a glacier is at 9:00. In the center is an Eskimo girl, with a dog putting its front paws up on her chest.

The back of the ashtray has SNB in a diamond (presumably a trademark), P1C0-1160 (a stock number?), and "Made in Occupied Japan". Obviously post-World War II, but we are unclear as to the length of usage of the term "Occupied Japan". Perhaps one of your readers can enlighten us.

### FROM THE DOUGLAS ISLAND NEWS

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5. If punched half fare this ticket is good only for a child under 12 years old.
6. This ticket is void for passage if any alterations or erasures are made hereon.
7. This ticket is not good unless officially stamped or punched and this contract signed by the purchaser in ink or indelible pencil.

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PURCHASER.

YUKON RIVER STEAMER TICKET: Illustrated above are both sides of a ticket used on the the Strs. Klondike and Keno in 1930. What is so very interesting is that the ticket lists the stopping points. Using "Yukon Places and Names" by R. Coutts we find that the path of the steamer was up the Yukon to Dawson, then back down to the Stewart River, and up the Stewart to Mayo. Perhaps the Str. Keno made the run from Dawson to Mayo.



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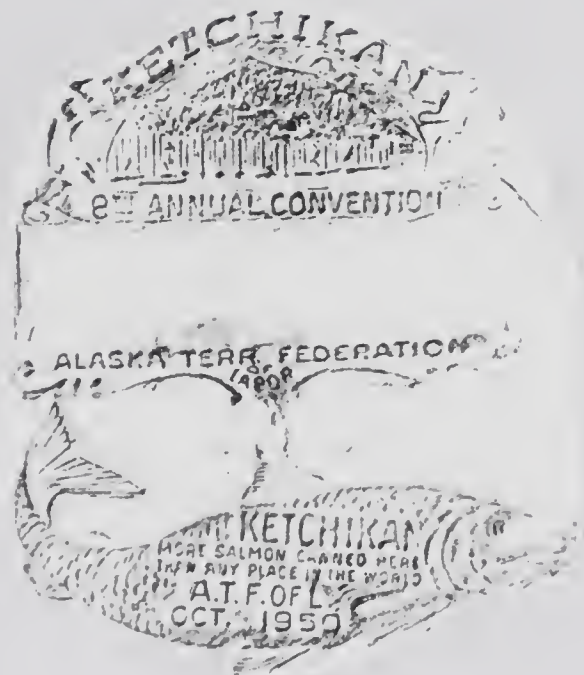
The following items are in a mail bid being conducted by Jerome Schaeper, closing Feb. 26.



- 82 Will Rogers Medal - Will Rogers Post No. 539 (bust of Rogers), 1879/ "I never met a man I didn't like" (Plane flying over a map of Alaska), 1925; rd, br, 31, xf; (\$12-\$20)



- 94 R. & W. Reunion Medal - Reunion of the R. & W., California, Pacific North West & Alaska Tourists, April 1892, Compliments of G.W. Quint, Philadelphia/ (ship passing through inlet); rd, al, 35, unc; thick reeded edge; nice. (\$70-105). (Ed. Note - early tourist item!)



- 100 Alaska Labor/Fishing Badge - Alaska Terr. Federation of Labor, 8th Annual Convention, Ketchikan (village scene) on top section, suspended from which is fish-shaped medal with Ketchikan, MORE SALMON CANNED HERE THAN ANY PLACE IN THE WORLD, A.T.F. OF L., OCT. 1950

More salmon canned here than any place in the World, A.T.F. of L., Oct. 1950; pin reverse, Bastion Bros. Rochester,; br, overall 42x67mm, xf; neat Terr. item; (\$65-\$100).



- 103 AK Pin-back - Fun for you at the Fur Rendezvous, Anchorage, Alaska (sled dogs and driver). Rd, yellow, blue and black cello, 56, VF-light edge foxing; (\$15-\$25).

Send your bids to Jerome Schaeper, 705 Philadelphia St., Covington, KY 41011 or call 606-581-3729.

## GREENLAND DOG DRIVER



Issued as part of a philatelic-numismatic cover by the International Society of Postmasters. The medal notes the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jorgen Bronlund. Bronlund was the sledge dog driver on the 1907 Mylius-Erichsen Expedition in Greenland.

The medal was minted by the Franklin Mint and it is 39mm in diameter, struck in sterling silver. The stamp on the PNC is Scott #106.

-Brian Denman





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EDITORIAL

We have held up this issue for a few days so that we could include the Alaskan section of our March 26 auction. While consignments overall are good, it is getting harder to get decent Alaskan material. We hope that you find something of interest. If you would like a complete 260+ lot listing, please write or call.

Our thanks to American Bank Note Commemorative for providing the information for our cover story this month. We only wish you could see the color flier they sent. The notes are much more impressive in color than black and white.

The Bering Sea Lions Club 50 cents token on page 24 is in the current Jerome Schaeper mail bid. He can be reached at 705 Philadelphia St., Covington, KY 41011 or by calling 606-581-3729.

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BOOK REVIEW

Historic McCarthy, the Town that Copper Built, by M.J. Kirchhoff, Alaska Cedar Press, Juneau, AK. 1993

This book, in 97 easy reading pages gives a very quick history of McCarthy. There is no fluff. It does not overpower the reader with worthless facts and figures. If you are looking for "John Doe", who came to McCarthy in 1915, and did thus and such, this is probably not going the book that will give you that kind of information.

The text is followed by approximately 30 pages of place names from the McCarthy area which is handy for locating places mentioned in the text. The book has about 45 photographic illustrations which complement the overall presentation very nicely.

Our ole buddy, Gustave Priesner gets a brief mention, as do his tokens. There is even a photo of him. Several business that had tokens can be found in other photos and some owners are mentioned in the text.

If you would like to order a copy of this book, please use the order blank on the last page.

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Clinton Hay, depicts a savage attack by a mammoth polar bear on a group of men in a small boat. The men were part of the 1855 Grinnell Expedition, whose mission was to search the Arctic for any trace of an earlier expedition led by Sir John Franklin. The engraving is from *The Polar Bear Attack*, a painting by F.O.C. Darley, one of 19th century America's most famous illustrators.

"Darley illustrated the books of the greatest writers of his time, including Charles Dickens, James Fennimore Cooper, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Henry W. Longfellow. Washington Irving claimed that Darley was a master of getting "into the mood of the author." Authors and publishers were all anxious to claim their books were "illustrated by Darley." Collectors today can be thankful that perhaps the bankers at the Union Bank of Tennessee wanted to be able to make a similar claim."

The other note is from the Bank of Bloomington, Illinois, circa 1857, printed by Toppan, Carpenter & Company.

From the American Paper Money Collection: "In 1845, Sir John Franklin led an expedition to explore the Arctic. He was never to be seen or heard from again. Five years later, Elisha Kent Kane, M.D. joined the Grinnell Expedition whose mission was to search for Sir John and his party. And while Dr. Kane and his group never found any trace of the earlier explorers, they did manage to chart unknown territory and record important geological, botanical and meteorological observations.

"The dominant scene on this extremely rare Bank of Bloomington note shows Dr. Kane and his party in the Arctic. We can only surmise that such an unusual engraving was chosen to appeal to America's fascination for the unknown. Dr. Kane's exploits helped pave the way for the rush to the North Pole by Cook and Peary almost a half-century later. It is

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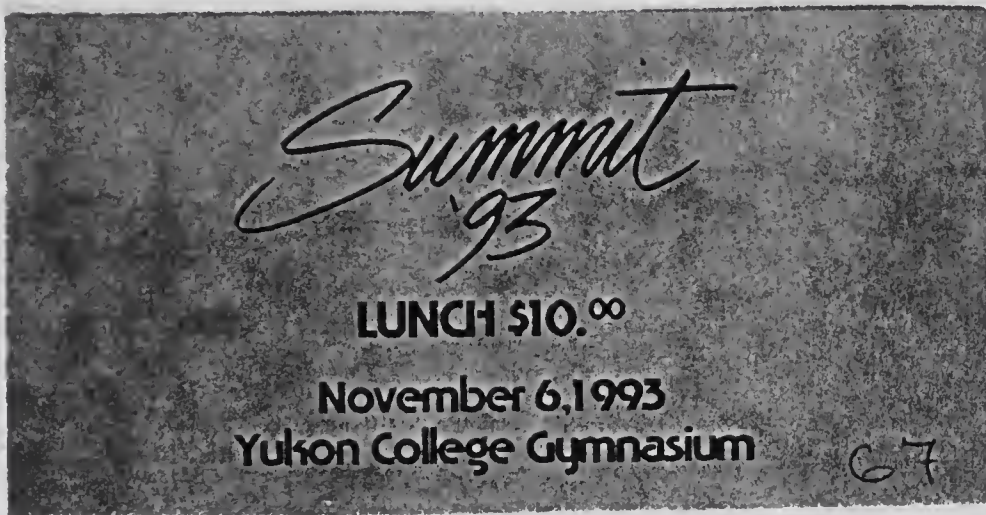
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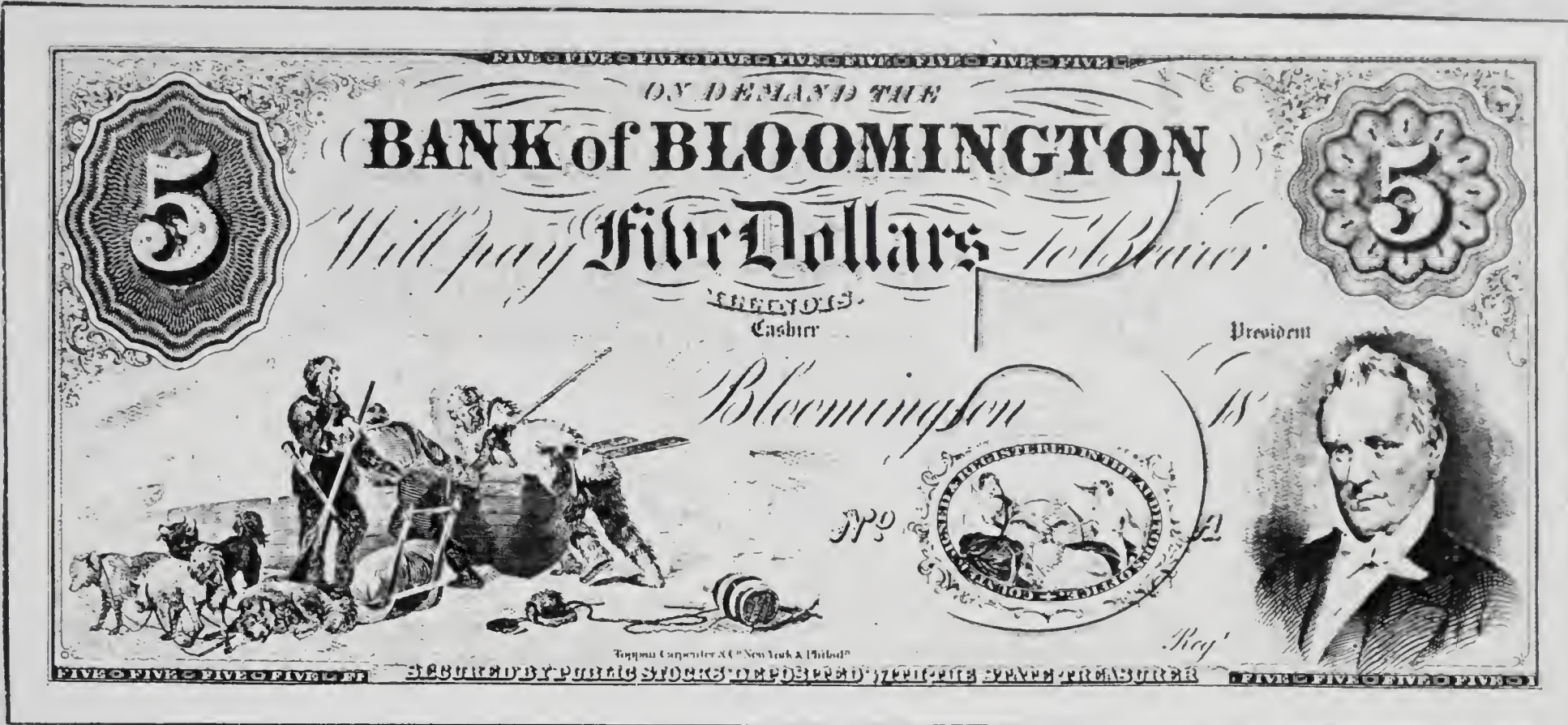
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interesting to note that Dr. Kane originally wrote about his exploits under the title, *The United States Grinnell Expedition in Search of Sir John Franklin*. As "polar fever" gripped the nation after the discovery of the North Pole, Kane's writings were reprinted in 1915 under the more compelling title, *Adrift in the Arctic Ice Pack*."

Are there other notes out there with "polar" themes? We know that there are notes depicting whaling and Santa Claus. Can anyone identify others? We would like to hear from you.

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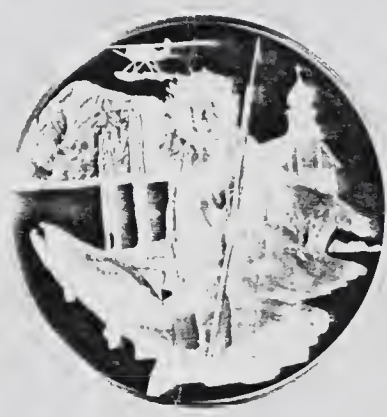
(JUNEAU): Golden Lion Bar, Northlander Hotel, Rain Check. Green on wood.



NOME: Bering Sea Lions Club, 50 cents in trade. Aluminum, 31mm (submitted by Jerome Schaeper).



POLAR EXPLORATION: Richard E. Byrd, 24 karat gold on .999 silver, one ounce, 26mm by 51mm. Part of the "Our Greatest Americans" series by the Hamilton Mint.



ALASKA: The National Governors' Conference Official Bicentennial Tribute to Alaska, 1976. Sterling silver, 39mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ALASKA: The Dream Lives On (Gold panner with gold nugget in pan). Alaska, The Last Frontier (map). Appears to be silver, 39mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ALASKA: South Coast Inc. (1993). A subsidiary of Klukwan, Inc. Silver, proof, 39mm. Mintage was about 1,000, minted at the Alaska Mint (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



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| 226 | <b>Siberia</b> , 1781 10 Kopecks, crude XF. A very large and impressive copper coin. Sables supporting shield design. While few Russian coins are found in Alaska, a high proportion of those "dug" are Siberian. This specimen is not dug, and did not originate in Alaska.  | 200.00 |
| 227 | <b>Red Fiber Tokens</b> . During World War II, metal for such luxuries as tokens was generally not available. A few merchants in Alaska resorted to fiber tokens. Here we offer two such pieces. The first is a \$10 token issued by Alstrom (Trading Company) in <b>Kwiguk</b> (B-1F). The second is from Antonio Polet of <b>Nome</b> , a 5 cents token (B-38b). Two neat tokens issued to meet the need for a medium of exchange when even aluminum was not available for general use. | 25.00  |
| 228 | <b>Fairbanks City Transit Bus Token</b> , B-T4a, good for one fare, zone one. Also, <b>Savoonga</b> , Reindeer Commercial Co., 5 cents in trade. Total of two tokens.   | 15.00  |
| 229 | <b>Fairbanks Pioneer Memorial Park</b> , A-67 medal sets. Two sets of silver and bronze (four medals). Also included is a brass souvenir medal showing the Oregon Exchange Company \$10 gold from North Clackamas County, Oregon, 1959. A total of five medals.   | 40.00  |
| 230 | <b>Alaskan Medal</b> : Kodiak, Good for one drink at The Beachcomers, 1967, set of silver and brass. We offered a silver specimen of this in our last sale, which realized \$55. This set is #59, and is housed in a custom Capital Plastics display case. The medals were struck at the Danbury Mint and depict the Princess Nora, sold long ago and cut up for scrap. Only 100 of the silver were struck, while 2,500 of the brass were made. 2 pcs.                                    | 125.00 |
| 231 | <b>Fairbanks Trade Dollars</b> , 1959. Set of three trade dollars. The brass was issued in 1959, and actually circulated. The sterling silver was issued in 1964 and the bronze in 1965. The silver and bronze are matching numbers. A scarce set.  | 125.00 |
| 232 | <b>Eskimo Olympics</b> , 1965. Set of silver and bronze. Issued by the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, these are a "Replica World's Eskimo Olympics Award". Popular set with a nice polar bear design.   | 15.00  |
| 233 | <b>Pipeline Set in Bronze</b> . This is the usual 12 piece Trans-Alaska Pipeline set, but struck in bronze. These were made after the silver set was completed, thus, few sets were struck. Our memory seems to recall 200 or so, but we cannot be certain. Offered much less frequently than silver.   | 75.00+ |
| 234 | <b>Anchorage Fur Rendezvous</b> , 1986 1 oz. silver medal. This is the first year of issue for these medals (there are earlier issues in a previous series), and perhaps the scarcest of the years. The obverse is a beaver in an oblong circle. In original case of issue.   | 95.00  |
| 235 | <b>Anchorage Fur Rendezvous</b> , 1987 1 oz. silver medal. The second year of issue, this one depicting a wolf on the obverse. In original case.  | 75.00  |
| 236 | <b>Anchorage Fur Rendezvous</b> , 1988 1 oz. silver medal. Third year of issue featuring a puffin. All three medals have the state seal of Alaska on the reverse. In the original case.   | 60.00  |
| 237 | <b>Alaska Charm Bracelet</b> . 10KT charms include a caribou, husky, mukluk, cabin, bear, mountain goat, pick & shovel, and salmon. The last two charms are not stamped. The bracelet is gold-filled. A rough computation shows that the wholesale on the charms would be about \$240, with a retail  |        |



- 237 of \$450. Used and quite nice. The only item we would change is the spring ring clasp in favor of something more secure. 200.00+
- 238 **Souvenir Ash Tray.** "Alaska, Land of the Midnight Sun" at the bottom edge, dog team at top, cache to the right, a glacier to the left, and girl and dog in the center. Made of a soft, silvery metal, the back is marked "Made in Occupied Japan." Occupied Japan items are very popular due to the short time span they were produced - the end of the war to approximately April, 1952. 50.00+
- 239 **Cuff Links.** Inscribed "To Hell with politics. Just do what's right for Alaska, Ted Stevens," in black lettering on gold colored metal. A prized memento of a visit with one of Alaska's Senator. Any attempt to place an estimate would belittle the true value. We only wish he could explain voting against the balanced budget amendment-politics as usual! - - -
- 240 **Alaska Steamship Co. Menus.** Set of seven menus featuring the dogs of Josephine Crumrine. The back of each menu gives a brief "biography" of each dog and identifying its owner. Very popular and in demand. 70.00
- 241 **Alaska Steamship Co. "Radio News".** From the S.S. Alameda, 1930, three issues. Each issue is the same externally. Internally, the news and information is different. Interesting information on the Copper River & NW Railroad, game in Alaska and the Richardson Highway. Ads are found on the back cover. Very large format. Three issues. 48.00
- 242 **Eskimo Cut-outs** by Milo Winter, published by Whitman, 1938. Six pages of cutouts including igloos and building an igloo, spear fishing through ice, dog sled and dogs, polar bears, penguins (!), walrus (without tusks), etc. Very nice item, still intact, with only a small separation on the back. Cut-out books like this are rarely found intact. 50.00+
- 243 **Coca-Cola ad,** circa 1943. Very nice ad, taken from (we think) Life magazine. Alaskan natives playing baseball with U.S. military. Snow on the field and quonset huts in the background. Worthy of framing. 40.00+
- 244 **Informative Classroom Picture Publishers, Alaska.** Complete set of 28 plates (photos) with description literature. Only the map is missing. Copyright 1947. The plates have thumb tack holes in the corners. Otherwise, the condition is very good. 20.00
- 245 **Alaska Books.** Only in Alaska by Tay Thomas, 1969; Nunaga by Duncan Pryde, 1971; The Lure of Alaska by Harry Franck, 1943; and Arctic Wild by Lois Crisler, 1958. All decent, tight copies with dust jackets showing wear. A total of 4 books. 70.00
- 246 **Arctic Books.** Kabloona by Gontran de Poncins, 1941 nice copy with worn dust jacket; Book of Eskimos (nice copy, no dust jacket) and Arctic Adventure (horrible without dust jacket) by Peter Freuchen. Three modern classics. 38.00

# MISCELLANEOUS TOKENS & MEDALS

- 254 **Unlisted Belt, Montana Tokens.** Alcide Fischer, 5 cents I/T, 21mm brass; Pythian Billiard Parlor, 25 cents I/T, 24mm brass. Both of these tokens are unlisted in the 1978 edition of Merchant Tokens of Montana by George Gould. Also, Rutz's, **Rochester, N.Y.** bifacial token with no denomination, 21mm brass. Finally, five "maverick" tokens: Ingle System, Morris, 50; East Side Club, 25 cents I/T; 13409, 5 cents I/T; Hughesville Pool Hall, 10 cents I/T; and Buezer Pesch, 5 cents I/T. A total of 8 tokens. 30.00+
- 255 **Washington Tokens and Medals.** **Chelan:** Town Tavern YEP, 5 cents in trade, octagonal, white on red plastic. **Whatcom:** The Whatcom, Otto & Fisher, 6 1/4 cents I/T, 21mm brass. **Wenatchee:** Arcade Billiards, Shelton & Akers, 25 cents I/T, 24mm aluminum; Arrow Lunch, R. O. Walters, 5 cents I/T, 20mm brass; Charley & Bob, Inc., 5 cents I/T, 21mm brass with central hole. Sales Tax token (no value) and Tax Token Scrip, 1/5 cent. Finally, Tyee 1913 with Indian on obverse; Klahowya! Potlatch Seattle on reverse. Medal is irregularly scalloped, 23mm brass. Interesting 8 pc. lot. 35.00-60.00



## OFFICIAL ALASKA STATE MEDALS - 1993

Below are the final mintages, Alaska Mint's suggested retail prices, and our current selling prices for the 1993 Official State medals. The 1993 Yukon Quest is also listed below.

Metal	size	Mintage	Mint Price	Our Price
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Silver	1 oz. P/L	5176	30.00	25.00
Silver	1/4 oz.	1510	17.00	12.00
Silver	1/10 oz.	862	10.00	8.00
Gold	1 oz.	77	750.00	N/A
Gold	1/2 oz.	49	400.00	N/A
Gold	1/10 oz.	298	150.00	130.00
Yukon Quest	Silver 1 oz.	2365	60.00	50.00

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The Official State of Alaska 1994 one ounce silver medals are now available. Featuring a grizzly bear on the obverse and the state seal on the reverse, these are sure to be a popular item. No word has been received when the other sizes or gold will be available. The 1994 Yukon Quest is also available. Both are illustrated to the right.



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## EDITORIAL

Our thanks to Bob Lyall for his kind comments in the introduction to his article on the Klondyke Music Hall. Quite a number of years ago, I saw an ad in the Token & Medal Society Journal to buy tokens from Malta. I had acquired two of the Floriana tokens, and thought that maybe the advertiser might like one. We arranged a trade, for another "Klondyke" token, and commenced a correspondence that has proved very enjoyable and educational for me. I hope I have not bored him too much with my trivia.

Many of you will remember Bob's article on the Globe Hotel tokens from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands. While this is not a "polar" regions article, it does illustrate how events in one part of the globe can influence people in a completely different part.

Up coming issues will feature articles on a medal issued to the American Arctic Expedition of 1853-55 for their part in the search for Sir John Franklin, original reports and ads from 1959 for the Fairbanks trade dollar, and a look at the tokens and scrip from Spitsbergen. Article submissions are always welcome!

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## SAKHA/YAKUTIA

In the March 9, 1994 issue of Christian Science Monitor, the "Republic of Sakha" is referred to as "a newly independent state in northeastern Siberia." This is apparently an error as a letter in the March 23rd issue notes that it is an autonomous republic, but still part of Russia.

Later in the article, we find "Yakutia has its own hard currency that it uses to buy goods directly from Russia". Does this refer to a circulating medium of exchange, or is the hard currency in the form of gold, diamonds and other natural resources?

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From Jerome Schaeper Jr. sale of Feb. 26th:

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Lot 94	Reunion Medal	82.50
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Lot 103	Fur Rendez. Button	31.00
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From our March 26th Auction:

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Lot 233	Pipeline Set in Brz.	100.00
Lot 234	Fur Rendez, 1986	50.00
Lot 235	Fur Rendez, 1987	45.00
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Lot 243	Coca-Cola ad	35.00
Lot 244	Inform. Class. Pictures	10.00
Lot 245	Alaska Books	63.00
Lot 246	Arctic Books	20.00
Lot 254	Montana Tokens	35.00
Lot 255	Washington Tokens	10.00

Overall, the auction was very good, with over 45 mail bidders, and over 30 were successful. The Alaskan pieces were strong, for the first time in several auctions. If I hadn't already typed the lot description of lot 243, I would have kept that myself and had it framed!



## KLONDYKE, cont.

So, how were the tokens used? Well, most bars and music halls in Malta operated a system whereby girls would chat to visiting servicemen; if the servicemen offered the girl a drink then she would ask for a sherry or a cocktail or anisette and would be served with cold tea, coloured water or a tiny drop of anisette with a lot of water in it. Hence the girls were known as Sherry Girls. They would be given a token and, at the end of the evening, would cash her tokens in with the bar man for a percentage of the value of the drinks she had been bought, but had not drunk.

Much of the preceding historical data was given to me by the grand-daughter of D.A. Wood. Other data was obtained and corroborated by talking to a local bar owner and resident who was in his 80s and had visited the Klondyke before it closed.

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## BOOK REVIEW

Communion tokens of the United States of America, by Autence A. Bason, 1989. Available from the author at P.O. Box 27420, Greensboro, NC 27420 for \$15.

This comprehensive catalogue lists communion tokens and cards from 27 different states. Sorry, folks, but Alaska is not one of them! Despite Alaska failing to have communion tokens, this reference should be in every token collector's library.

The tokens make up the majority of the listing. It is quite amazing how many were actually issued. Many are just plain squares or rectangles of lead or pewter with one or two letters stamped into them. Others are quite ornate showing the communion cup and burning bush. Tokens dating in the 1700s make these a part of the early numismatics of the U.S.

The listing of communion cards make up a smaller portion of the book. These came into use after use of metal tokens had ceased.

Tokens and cards are fully described, and most are illustrated. Measurements are given in sixteenths of an inch. A token shown as measuring 10 x 16 is therefore 5/8 by 1 inch.

The book is 113 pages and measures 8.5 by 11 inches with a card cover. An index is included. As with most references on tokens, it is obvious that this was a labor of love.

### ARCTIC SCENES

The vignette of Dr. Kane shown on the Bank of Bloomington, Ill. was also used on the following notes:

- \$2 Safety Fund Bank, Boston, MA
- \$5 Bank of the State of Missouri, St. Louis, MO
- \$5 Northern Bank, Providence, RI
- \$10 Bank of Orange County, Chelsea, Vermont
- \$5 Bank of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

-Ron Benice



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## WHERE'S JOE



Joe Vogler, founder of the Alaskan Independence Party has been missing since Memorial Day weekend, 1993. Nearly a year has passed, and there are still no leads, still no body.

The Joe Vogler Search Committee is selling the above buttons for \$5. They are black on yellow, 58mm in diameter.

## GOOSEWATCHER '94



Every year, KFAR 660 AM sponsors the "goosewatch". Prizes are awarded throughout the spring until the first goose arrives at Creamer's Field.

Unfortunately, the buttons are black on

orange, two colors that show up black in the photocopy. The white head, neck and wings do contrast with the other colors, giving us a little detail in the photocopy. Additional legend is "I'm a Goosewatcher!". The size of the button is 56mm.

## BALTO FESTIVAL



Balto, the lead dog of the final team in the Serum Relay to Nome, was at his death, immortalized by being mounted and is the property of the Cleveland (Ohio) Museum of Natural History. Every few years, Balto is brought out of storage, dusted off and put on display along with a fine exhibit, known as the Balto Festival.

During this time, the Museum has special events and several teams of mushers display their dogs, and if the weather is just right, take people for sled rides.

The button illustrated above is blue on silver, and it is 44mm in diameter.

Bob Majni

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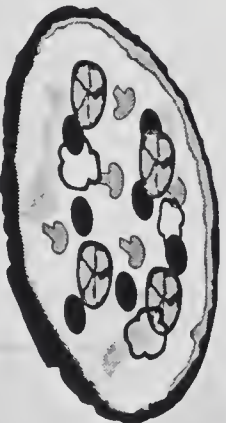
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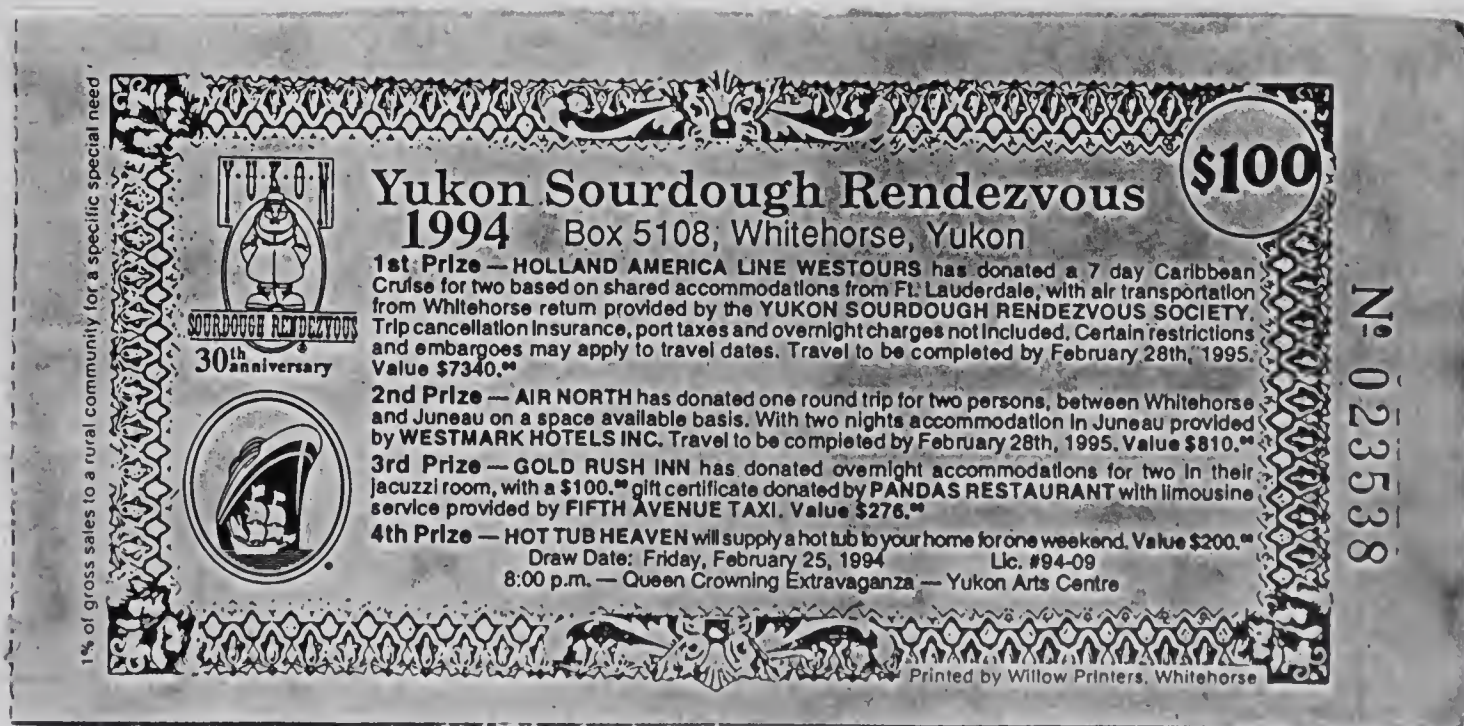
WHITEHORSE: Pizza Hut, \$3 off Pan Pizza. Red on white paper, 150mm by 70mm.

WHITEHORSE: MV Youcon Kat, Yukon River Cruises. \$1.50 Canadian or \$1.25 U.S. discount coupon. Black on goldenrod, 216mm by 75mm.





WHITEHORSE: Gold Nuggie Dougie, 25% off Gold Nugget Jewelry. Card stock, gold and white on blue with white border, 160mm by 109mm.



WHITEHORSE: Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous, \$1 raffle ticket. Black on green, red serial number, 144mm by 69mm. May also been used to select a "Miss Sourdough Rendezvous. We have seen tickets from the mid-40s from Fairbanks where the contestant to sell the most tickets became "Miss Winter Carnival". The back of this ticket is stamped in blue "Miss Uniglobe Prime Travel/Anne Dixon".



## FOR THE RECORD



**ANCHORAGE:** Cafe del Mundo, good for regular sized beverage. Brown on wood (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**ANCHORAGE:** Farmer's Market, Food stamp tokens. 1¢ (green), 5¢ (turquoise) and 10¢ (red), "Only for eligible foods". All white lettering, octagonal, 30mm from point to point (submitted by Kurtis Hawk)

- No cover charge for holder and one guest 21 and over.
- I.D. required with card.
- Admittance subject to club policy.



**GUEST PASS**

**ANCHORAGE:** Hot Rods, Guest Pass. Red insignia and lettering on yellow card, 82mm by 55mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**WASILLA:** Mat-Su Resort, \$2.00 off any bar drink. Black on brown plastic, 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**WRANGELL:** Gateway to 3 Gold Rushes, Ft. Dionysius Sesquicentennial, 1984. Bronze, 37mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

## NEW MONETARY BASIS PREVAILS AT CHATANIKA

**Acceptance of Bingles by One of the Merchants Forces All to Do Likewise and These Little Checks Now Pass in Role of Money There.**

Chatanika, Nov. 20 - Economists would find food for thought and fresh proof of some of the laws of money if they should chance to visit the town of Chatanika just at present, for it now is transacting business with a cheap money, this money being cigar store checks, or, as they are commonly called, "Bingles." This state of affairs came about through one of the merchants attempting to corner all the loose money in town and thereby forcing the other merchants to follow suit. He advertised to sell for cash, checks or bingles and thereby took all loose change from the men. Other merchants had to accept the bingles of this financial king or give credit, hence the bingle basis was at once established and checks now are accepted as cash all over town.

-Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, 11/20/1911



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## SPITSBERGEN AN ARCTIC ELDORADO

by  
Dick Hanscom



Spitsbergen is the largest island in the Svalbard group, an arctic archipelago of 24,000 square miles that lies due north of Norway. It is a Norwegian territory with a population of about 3,400. Most of the population are engaged in coal mining. Others are involved in scientific research.

Spitsbergen was discovered by Willem Barents in 1596. The sea in which the islands are found bears his name. It was the launching point for unsuccessful and successful attempts to reach the north pole.

An American from Boston, John Munro Longyear started the first commercial coal mine in 1905. The Douglas Island News, Douglas, Alaska dated September 8, 1915 quotes from the Chicago Journal:



A few years ago the idea of getting coal from Spitzbergen, one of the most desolate islands in the Arctic ocean, was a topic for romancers. Now it is a fact of considerable moment in many of the world's markets. A single company, financed chiefly by American capital, mined nearly 40,000 tons of coal from Spitzbergen last year. The deposit of fuel in the Far North is said to be singularly easy to work. It comes in a single seam about four feet thick, stretching along the coast for thirty miles. The surrounding rock is so solid that timbering is not needed. The temperature is always below the freezing point in the present workings, which does away with the need for pumps. In fact the only real difficulty is that of getting men and motion pictures have gone far to solve that problem.

The settlement where that mine is, Longyearbyen, is named for him. His success started a battle for mining rights. Norway, Sweden and Russia claimed the islands.

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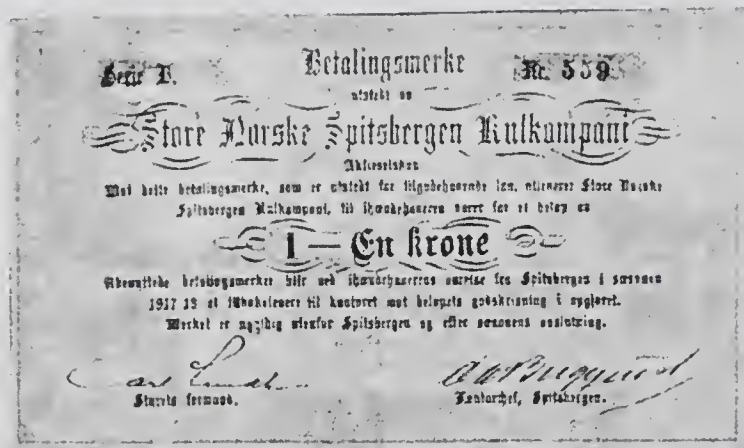
## SPITSBERGEN, cont.

The 1920 Treaty of Paris affirmed Norwegian sovereignty of Svalbard. Eventually signed by 41 countries, the treaty allows each nation to exploit the islands resources. Only Norway and the Russia currently do so. Svalbard was not incorporated into Norway until 1925.

In 1916, "Det Norske Spitsbergensyndikat" purchased the mine at Longyearbyen. The earliest known scrip was issued by this company, series "A" for use in 1916/17. When series "B" was issued, a name change was made, and since that time, the notes bear the name Store Norske Spitsbergen Kulkompani (the Great Norwegian Coal Company of Spitsbergen).



1916/17, Series A



1917/18, Series B

In the December 24, 1918 issue of Dawson Daily News is an article from the London Daily Chronicle. This article expounds upon the mineral wealth of Spitsbergen, and its strategic location:

It is a curious circumstance that there exists, within 400 miles of the coast of Norway and 1,200 miles of Great Britain, some of the richest deposits of coal and iron ore in the world, and that they have been left undeveloped.

The Spitzbergen archipelago, which is about the size of Ireland, seems to consist chiefly of coal and iron ore. At any rate, it has been proved by Norwegian and Swedish pioneers, and by the operations of the Northern Exploration Company, that minerals are there in vast quantities and are easy to develop.

While Spitzbergen is within the Arctic circle, its shores are washed by the Gulf stream, and, for its latitude, the climate is comparatively mild on the west coast. It has also some of the best harbors in the world, and, with ice-breakers, navigation can be carried on during the whole year.

Spitzbergen had just been discovered by the Germans before the war, and they had established a wireless station there, which has since been destroyed. Evidence has been found recently that German agents have been at work in the hope of appropriating the whole archipelago. Spitzbergen was a British possession during the seventeenth century, but has been a No Man's Land until recent years. Now there are Swedish and Norwegian companies operating part of the island while the Northern Exploration company owns approximately 2,000 square miles.

It is extraordinary that Spitzbergen should have been neglected during the war. If the present steps had been taken only two years ago, Norway, Sweden and Russia would have been having great supplies of coal, of which they are in great need, while iron production of this country, so urgently required



## EDITORIAL

This issue takes us to the far reaches of the north Atlantic. Spitsbergen (also spelled Spitzbergen) is part of the Svalbard island group. I have had this article laying around for a few years. With the new issue of tokens from Arktikugol, it seemed like an appropriate time to take it out and dust it off.

Our thanks to Provin Sieg for granting permission to use photos from his book "Sieg's Seddelkatalog-Norden". Photos from the book show the notes in a reduced size.

Next month, we will look at the hoopla surrounding the issue of the 1959 trade dollar. Actual editorials and ads will be examined.

We always need information on older Alaskan tokens. It seems we are in a dry spell, and need to rely upon our readers to take up the slack. If you have information on an older token issue, write it up, or just send us the information and we will turn it into something. Remember, the publication relies on the readers to share information to keep the content diverse. Otherwise, you are stuck with what the editor finds of interest at any given time (South Pacific anyone?).

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## AVIATION DOLLAR



The famous World War II medium range bomber, the B-25 Mitchell Bomber, is depicted on the 1994 Gander, Labrador, Newfoundland Aviation Dollar. It is valid in trade until August 31, 1994.

Over 2,000 B-25s were built. They did yeoman service with the U.S.A.F., the R.C. A.F. and the R.A.F. The B-25 was popular with the crews who operated, due to its speed (approximately 300mph) as well as an excellent maintenance record.

This is Gander's 13th annual municipal trade dollar in its series depicting aircraft of World War II that refueled at Gander's airport before flying overseas.

The reverse features the logo of the Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Greg Seaward of Gander designed the token. It was struck by Sherritt Mint of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. There were 12,500 specimens struck on nickel bonded steel blanks. Several hundred were gold plated.

Specimens are available at \$1.50 for the nickel bonded steel and gold plated in presentation case at \$12.

Back issues are available as follows: 1984, \$4.00; 1985, \$4.00; 1988, \$4.00; 1989, \$3.50; 1990, \$3.00; 1991, \$2.50, 1992, \$2.50 and 1993, \$2.00. Gold plated specimens in presentation boxes are available at \$12.50 each (updated mintages in brackets): 1991 (300), 1992 (400), 1993 (350).

All prices are postpaid. A one page flier detailing Gander's Aviation dollars is available at no charge. Orders should be sent to Gander & Area Chamber of Commerce, 109 Trans Canada Highway, Gander, Newfoundland, Canada A1V, 1P6.

-Jerry Remick



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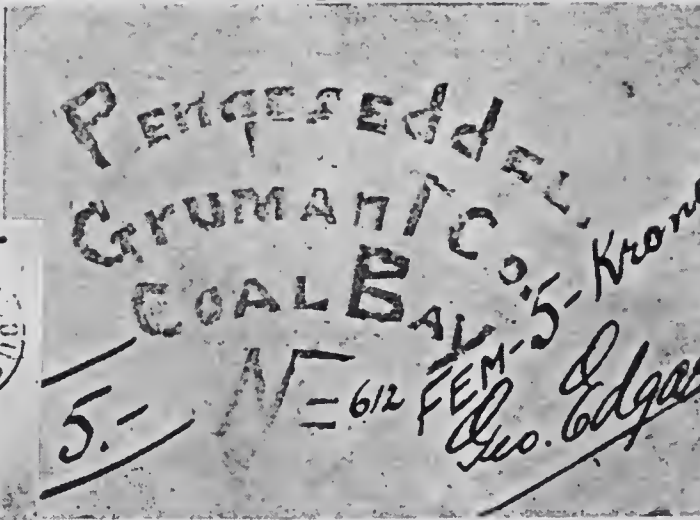
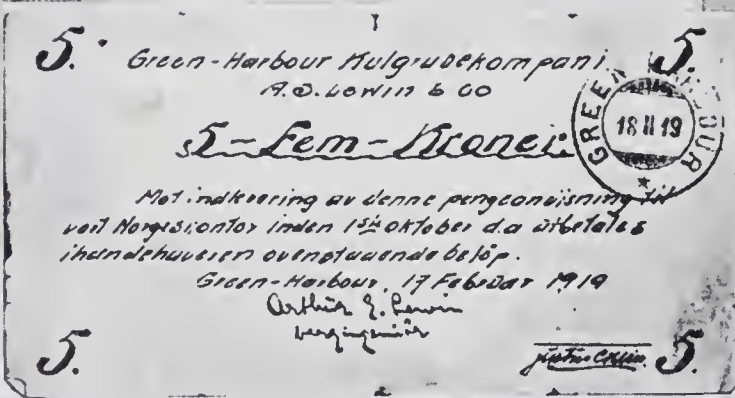
for war purposes, would have been augmented by a supply of finer ore than we possess.

Store Norske Spitsbergen Kulkompani has continued to issue notes to the present time. The July, 1948 issue of National Geographic even has a photo of miners in the commissary purchasing supplies with "special Spitsbergen currency".



Series Pp 1970 (actual size)

Other companies that mined coal on Spitsbergen also issued currency for use by the miners. Kings Bay Kull Company A/S issued script from 1947/48 (series A) to 1963/64 (series N) in denominations of 10, 25 and 50 Øre, and 1, 5, 10, 50 and 100 Kroner. Green-Harbour Kulgrubekompani issued scrip in 1919 and Grumant Co. Coal Bay had an issue in 1920/21. Both of these notes are 5 Kroner denomination, and both are unique.



Kings Bay

Green Harbour

Grumant Co.

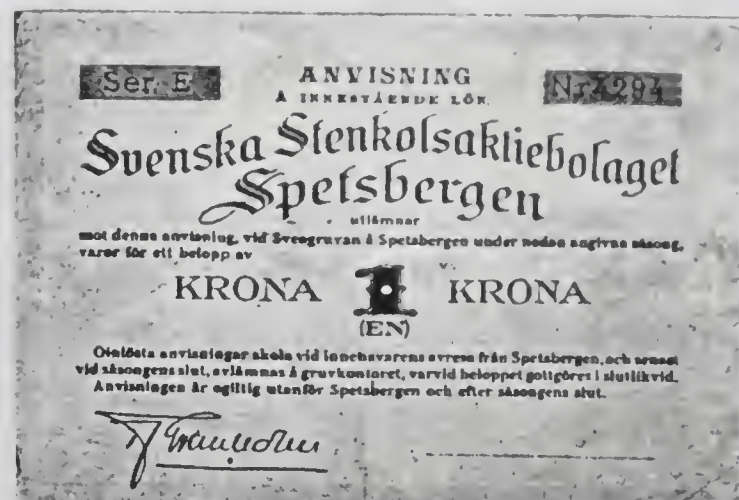
Two Swedish firms also issued currency: Aktiebolaget Spetsbergens Svenska Kolfalt and Svenska Stenkolsaktiebolaget Spetsbergen, mining at Sveagruva. These notes date from the 20's. These are illustrated on the next page.



# SPITSBERGEN, cont.



Aktiebolaget Spetsbergens



Svenska Sten. Spetsbergen

The Soviet Union received a concession to mine coal on Spitsbergen, and Arktikugol Det Statsejede Russiske Mineselskab (Arctic Coal Trust of the Ministry of Mining of the USSR) was organized in 1932. It is interesting to note that the first scrip for the Russian concession is dated 1931! Notes were also issued in 1940, 1946, 1951, 1957 and 1961. Denominations issued were 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Kopecks and 1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 Rubles. Not all denominations were issued in all years. In 1940, these notes were inscribed "Coupons for the Goods in Shops of the Mines of the Trust Arktikugol."



1961 (dated on back)



actual size

Post-1961, pre-1993  
undated

Until recently, the only token coinage to be used on Spitsbergen was issued by the Soviets and dated 1946. These were in four denominations: 10 and 15 Kopecks in aluminum-bronze and 20 and 50 Kopecks in copper-nickel. There is a variety on the 50 Kopeck. The normal version has large lettering and a small star. The error variety, caused by using the die from the 10 Kopecks token, has smaller lettering and a larger star. Legends translate "Arktikugol" on the obverse and "Ostrov (island) Spitsbergen" on the reverse.



Recent reports indicate that these have been counterfeited. The "counterfeits weigh 1 to 2 grams more than the genuine specimens. Are these really counterfeits, or could they be official "restrikes" for collectors or later strikings to actually circulate? With the chaotic conditions in the former Soviet Union, it is impossible to say.



## SPITSBERGEN, cont.

Recently reported in the numismatic press are the 1993 tokens issued by Arktikugol in the denominations of 10, 25, 50 (cupronickel) and 100 Roubles (aluminum-bronze). With the Rouble currently trading at about 1700 per dollar, these will probably have a short life. The obverse legend is "Arktikugol Spitsbergen", denomination and date, while the reverse has a polar bear on a map of Spitsbergen and the legend "Russian Federation".



Arktikugol  
Znachki (pin)



There is reportedly new scrip in use by Arktikugol featuring the bear over the map, but we have not seen this yet.

Spitsbergen's wild and woolly mining days are over, settled now into systematic mining of the island's coal. Of growing importance is tourism, bringing many adventurous travelers to view the wildlife. The arctic wilds are still untamed, with occasional reports of polar bears dining on tourists!

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# BARENTS REACHES SPITZBERGEN

## THE GREAT EXPLORERS MEDALS

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### *Barents reaches Spitzbergen*

The search for a northeast passage linking Europe with Asia was undertaken by Willem Barents — one of the foremost Arctic explorers of the 16th century.

Barents began his career as an explorer in 1594 when he became chief navigator for one of the first European voyages to the frozen lands of the Arctic Circle. His enthusiasm, ability and strong personality made him a superb leader. Even though the men on his ship were discouraged after two unsuccessful attempts to find a passageway through the pack ice of the Arctic, they had learned to trust and follow Barents' judgment. And after the ship returned to Amsterdam, Barents' inspiring confidence in his ability to discover the passage resulted in another expedition, and this time two fully equipped ships sailed from Holland.

Avoiding the great ice floes of the Kara straits, Barents proceeded to navigate due north into unknown waters. On June 9, 1596 the expedition discovered a small island inhabited by great white bears. Although the animals posed an awesome threat, Barents and his men attempted to capture one of them. In the ensuing struggle, it took the men two hours to kill the bear. Appropriately, the area was named Bear Island.

Ten days later, while traveling northward, Barents' party came upon a much larger group of islands, subsequently called Svalbard. Here they found fertile lands, with an abundance of plant and animal life and a relatively mild climate nurtured by the warm Atlantic Gulf Stream bordering the western fjords. The enclosed cachet was postmarked in the village of Ny Alesund on West



Spitzbergen, the island where Barents and his men landed. The medal in your cachet, sculptured by Clayton Blaker, depicts Barents and his men harpooning a whale off the Spitzbergen coast in the waters later named the Barents Sea in honor of the daring explorer.

Barents and the members of his expedition were the first Europeans to have sailed so far north. At this point one of the ships turned back, but Barents turned eastward and by shrewd navigation reached the coast of Novaya Zemlya, an island in the Arctic Ocean between the Barents and Kara seas. But, the Arctic winter was quickly approaching and the ice was closing in behind them. Barents' ship ran into an ice pack that sheared off the rudder, damaging the vessel beyond repair. Barents and his crew were left marooned, over 1,000 miles from the nearest civilization. Forced to seek shelter on the barren island, they faced what seemed to be a hopeless situation. From driftwood, they built a one-room house with a fireplace

in the center. Just to survive, the men were forced to spend most of their time huddled in bunks close to the fire, covered by the few blankets they had salvaged. Even so, Barents was always ready to offer encouragement, although his own health was rapidly failing. At the first sign of spring, Barents helped the 14 survivors prepare the two small open boats that would carry them to safety. Unfortunately, by that time, Barents himself was so ill that he died in his small craft one week after they embarked on the journey back to civilization.

Willem Barents, who is remembered by the sea that bears his name, was unquestionably one of the greatest Dutch explorers. His expedition into the Barents Sea encouraged further exploration, which eventually opened a northern trade route to Russia.

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India Rose, Discount card for M.U.S. employees. Black on speckled gray card stock. 90mm by 62mm.

**HOME PORT**  
Submarine Sandwiches

Campus Corner Mall North Gate Square  
474-4663 456-4663  
Fax 474-8445 Fax 456-8101

Purchase 12 subs at regular price and receive a full sub (5.95), chips and medium Pepsi free.

Home Port Submarine Sandwiches, punch card. Black on white card, 89mm by 67mm. Back is color photo of Pepsi cup.

**TWO STREET STATION**  
Co-Op Plaza  
535 Second Ave.  
451-9090

**COFFEE CARD**

\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
50¢	50¢	50¢	50¢	50¢
25¢	25¢	25¢	25¢	25¢
25¢	25¢	25¢	25¢	25¢

INTERIOR GRAPHICS & COPY

Two Street Station \$20 punch card. Black on yellow card, 50mm by 90mm.

Co-op Diner "buy one, get one for half price" card. Black on yellow card, 94mm by 73mm.

**Co-op Diner**

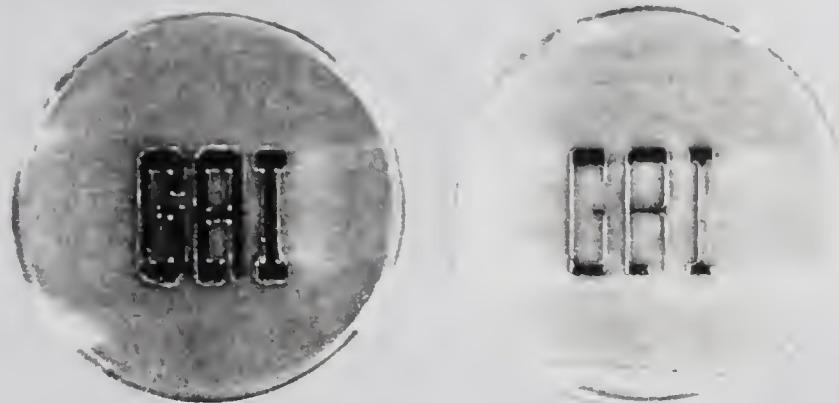
buy one regular price breakfast and receive the second (of equal value or less) at half price.

535 Second Ave.  
Downtown Fairbanks

Expires June 30, 1993



## FOR THE RECORD



(ANCHORAGE): GAI (Greater Anchorage Inc.) sponsors of Fur Rendezvous Monte Carlo Night. \$1 brown, \$5 lime green and \$25 red. All 39mm with gold lettering, same design on both sides. Thick or thin lettering varieties (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



(ANCHORAGE): Fur Rondy (Monte Carlo drink ticket). Says \$2, but were sold for \$3. Black on blue paper, 51mm by 26mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

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ANCHORAGE: Spring Parking Alaska, 25 cents in trade. Brass, 25mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



EAGLE RIVER: V.F.W. Post 9785. Brass, 32mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



KODIAK: Kodiak Crab Festival, 1974. Brass and nickel-silver, 34mm, numbered (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



(WHITEHORSE): Lions Casino, \$1 (yellow) and \$5 (blue) chips. Gold lettering, club, diamond, spade and heart border. 40mm (submitted by Jim Robb).



ALASKA: U.S. Purchase of Alaska by Danbury Mint. 24Kt on sterling silver, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



### THE STATEHOOD TRADE DOLLAR

Probably the most common Alaska token or medal is the 1959 trade dollar issued by the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. They were still being sold by the Chamber when I arrived in Fairbanks in 1974.

Recently, a friend has been bringing in old Fairbanks newspapers from the 1950s. Those from the summer of 1959 carried editorials, articles and advertisements for the trade dollar. The ad shown to the right ran for many days in the Daily News-Miner.

The first of two editorials in the Daily News-Miner ran on June 26:

#### ALASKA'S COIN OF THE REALM

"Cash registers in Fairbanks these days are ringing up a new kind of dollar - and one that is helping bring important improvements to our city in a virtually painless way.

"The new dollar is a gold-colored, dollar size commemorative coin being issued by the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce.

"About 4,000 of these unique coins have been placed in trade channels here and are being snapped up at a very rapid rate.

"They are sure to become collector's items - the sort of memento most tourists will want to save - and most Alaskans will find a place for among their souvenirs.

"Local jewelers already are making necklaces, bracelets and other trinkets out of the gilded coins.

### Alaska Birthday Year

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## "GOLD DOLLARS" \$100 Each



**GOLDEN COINS**—Souvenir money is still available in Fairbanks shops—ask for it when you make a purchase. These coins, which will be a permanent memento of Alaska's glorious "statehood year" make ideal Christmas and birthday gifts for your friends and members of your family in "the smaller states." And every Alaskan should have one of the coins as a keepsake of this historic year in Alaska. Proceeds from sale of the coin go toward construction of the Chamber of Commerce headquarters building in Fairbanks. And best of all, the souvenir dollars are just as good as those with the stamp of the U.S. mint on them. They can be cashed in at any cooperating business until Dec. 31 of 1959.

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EDITORIAL

It has been fun this month looking through old newspapers. Our thanks to Jim Moody for passing these along to us.

Summer has arrived, and I don't have much to say this month! There will be no issue in July. This will be one of my two months off. The next issue will be out about August 1st.

ODD MAVERICK



Above is an odd maverick a customer brought in. Not of Alaskan origin, it is so different, we would like to know if any of our readers have the slightest idea what it might be. Mascot was a fairly common name for saloons, so it may be from your your area! If you recognize it, drop us a line.

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WRONG ADDRESS

We gave an incorrect address for Autence A. Bason, author of the the book on Communion Tokens. We listed her zip code as the P.O. Box number. The correct address is:

Autence A. Bason  
P.O. Box 21066  
Greensboro, N.C.

MAGNETIC TOKENS

Last month, we reported that the three lower values of the new Spitsbergen tokens were cupro-nickel. Well, we passed a magnet over these, and they are magnetic. This rules out the standard 75% copper, 25% nickel alloy used most often for cupro-nickel.

They could be another alloy, pure nickel, or, what is more likely, nickel bonded to a steel core. We do not have the ability to determine this, so we will wait word from more knowledgeable sources.

MORE GANDER INFO

Jerry Remick reports that unboxed, gold plated nickel bonded steel specimens of the Gander trade dollars are available as follows:

1991 - 7.50; 1993 - 6.50; 1994 - 6.00

Order from Gander Chamber of Commerce, 109 Trans Canada Highway, Gander, Nfld. Canada A1V 1P6.

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## FAIRBANKS DOLLAR, cont.

"Ultimately, 25,000 of these souvenirs will be circulated here. The Chamber will stand ready to redeem these coins at face value until the end of the year. However, Chamber directors hope they will not have to do this for more than a few of the coins and that the bulk of them will be retained by recipients as souvenirs of Alaska - and Alaska's statehood year. Money collected from issuance of the coin will go toward construction of the new log building headquarters for the Chamber.

"This rustic building will serve as a community center as well as a Chamber office building - and in design and surroundings will reflect the color of Alaska. The structure is one which is badly needed here.

"Cooperation of business people and other residents of this city in circulating these coins - and in buying them as souvenirs - constitutes a simple and painless way of helping to pay for this fine new building. No one person or organization is being called on to assume a large part of the burden - and the value of this attractive gold souvenir as a statehood remembrance should continue to increase as the coins grow more scarce.

"By keeping one of these golden coins, you will be boosting Fairbanks. And you will have a keepsake of this historic first year in the history of the 49th state."

\* \* \* \*

The demand for the trade dollar apparently exceeded the Chamber's expectations as is shown in the following article that appeared in the July 14 issue:

### STATEHOOD \$\$ BECOME ITEM FOR COLLECTORS

"Those gold coins circulating in Fairbanks have caused such a state-wide furor that the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce has ordered an additional 25,000 and is considering hiring a manager to run the gilt disc business.

"At a board of directors meeting yesterday, chambermen were told that requests from throughout the state for coins neces-

sitated ordering 25,000 more, making a total of 50,000 which will be in circulation.

"Last weekend, chamber members made a trip to Anchorage for promotion of Golden Days and with no trouble unloaded more than a thousand commemorative coins.

"Should the chamber follow through and hire a manager to handle distribution and promotion of the coins, the group stands to make money enough to completely pay for their new building. The structure, going up on 1st Ave. near the Fairview Hotel, is expected to cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000."

\* \* \* \*

The News-Miner keeps plugging the dollars with another editorial on August 29th. It repeats most of everything that was said in the previous editorial and article, but adds the following:

"Thousands of the coins have already left Alaska and will never be redeemed because they have been snapped up by coin collectors throughout America. Other thousands more are being kept as mementos by residents of Alaska.

"When the final accounting is made, the coins probably will have paid at least a major share of the \$50,000 Chamber of Commerce structure."

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With over 150,000 pieces minted (as noted on some packaging), and still being sold by the Chamber as late as 1986, it is not unexpected that there are die varieties. To date, there are at least two varieties known. We reported these in the September/October 1990 issue. Below is a further refinement of these varieties. Varieties 1 and 2 have been reversed, as the "new" variety 1 seems to pre-date the "new" variety 2.





## FAIRBANKS DOLLAR, cont.

On Variety one (V1), "GOOD FOR" is smaller, and not as spread out. The "R" does not reach "I" in IN. This is illustrated on the preceding page.



Variety two (V2) has a large and spread out "GOOD FOR" on the reverse. The leg on the "R" in FOR is over the "I" in IN.

V1 is found on thin planchets, while V2 is found on both thick and thin planchets. V1 thin has light sun rays on the obverse while V2 has both thick and thin heavy sun rays. A subvariety on V1 is a die break from "ST of STATE to the inner circle.

There is also a variety with a die break between the star and the first "A" of ALASKA. So there were at least 2 if not 3 obverse dies used.

In 1964, additional specimens were struck in sterling silver. They were edge numbered and dated: 64-xxx. Antiqued bronze specimens were struck in 1965. These were also numbered in a similar fashion. We believe that 250 were struck of each.

The sterling silver has the V1 reverse, but has heavy sun rays. It is our assumption that the obverse with the die break in the "ST" failed, and a new one had to be made. Because the sterling silver has a V1 reverse, we assume that V1 was the earlier type.

Packaging for the trade dollar varied over the years. We have seen two types of envelopes. One just gave ordering instructions. The other is the type that was in use in 1974 and later. It notes "Approximately 150,000 of these commemorative coins were put in circulation and were honored at any business establishment in Alaska." While the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation tokens were authorized by

the Federal Government, they circulated only in the Palmer area. The 1959 trade dollar unofficially became, as the first editorial was titled, "Alaska's Coin of the Realm."

ADDITIONAL  
"49th State  
SOUVENIR  
Golden Dollars"  
May Be Obtained from  
FAIRBANKS  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Send \$1.00 for Each Coin and Self  
Addressed Stamped Envelope To:  
Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce  
Nerland Bldg., Fairbanks, Alaska

This souvenir of Alaskan Statehood was issued by the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce to commemorate forever our entry into the Union of the United States.

The program, initially confined to Fairbanks, quickly spread to cover the entire State, and Golden Dollars were as good as gold in the "Red Dog" Saloon in Juneau as they were in the "Gold-Rush" Saloon on the riverfront in Fairbanks, during 1959, the Statehood Year.

Approximately 150,000 of these commemorative coins were put in circulation and were honored at any business establishment in Alaska. They are actually gold-plated in Alaskan Gold, and since their removal from circulation on 31 December 59, are a collector's item.

This coin has gone down in history as the one and only coin issued to commemorate the granting of Statehood to Alaska, the 49th State of the Union.

49th State  
Souvenir  
Golden Dollar

ADDITIONAL COINS MAY BE  
OBTAINED FROM THE

FAIRBANKS  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
550 First Avenue  
Fairbanks, Alaska

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'94 SEASON

\$2.00 OFF

DISCOUNT

Use Your  
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Persons Per  
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Above left: Alaska Salmon Bake/Palace Saloon, \$2 season discount. Dark blue, light blue and black on white, 96mm by 64mm.  
Above right: 5 Downtown Dollars, Main Street Fairbanks. Black on green, 222mm by 55mm.



**GOOD FOR**

**633-2266**

**\$1.00**

**AT ANY CASA LOMA  
FACILITY**



1802 Centennial Street  
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WHITEHORSE: Casa Loma, Good for \$1.00. Dark blue on light blue paper, 152mm by 73mm.

 <p><b>#2 Talisman Restaurant</b> Home style cooking with an International flair</p> <p>On second ave. beside the TD bank Open 6:30am to 10pm, 7 days a week Summer Hours</p>	<p><b>Gift Certificate</b></p> <p>To: _____</p> <p>Amount: \$ <b>\$20.00</b></p> <p>Date: _____ Valid Until: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____ <b>DUPLICATE</b></p>
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WHITEHORSE: Talisman Restaurant, \$20 Gift Certificate. Blk on pink paper, 166mm by 68mm.  
Tear Here!

**10% discount on RV Stalls or  
Overnight Camping  
with this  
COUPON**

**Mile 1147 Km 1845.5  
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(403) 862-7407 - Res. - Fax.**

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free cup of COFFEE  
with this coupon and see if your ✓**

PINE VALLEY: Pine Valley Motel & Cafe, 10% discount coupon. Coupon is 104mm by 38mm, attached to flier that is 104mm by 274mm. All in pink on gray card stock.



## FOR THE RECORD



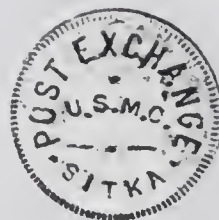
**ANCHORAGE:** Moose Lodge 1534, "TUIT" drink token. Type types, large and small lettering. Black on red plastic, 42mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**ANCHORAGE:** N.F.B. (National Federation of the Blind), 1974. \$5 I/T, 39mm yellow aluminum and 50¢ I/T 32mm green aluminum (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**ANCHORAGE:** Winter Cities, 1974, 1 oz. silver, proof issue of 100. Winter Cities conference held in Anchorage as part of the Northern Inter-Cities Conference. Given to dignitaries, workers, and any left over sold to the public.



**SITKA:** Post Exchange, U.S.M.C., 12 1/2 ¢ in trade. Round, Alum. Currently being sold at mail bid auction by Lorin Cranson, P.O. Box 5272, Kalispell, MT 59903, closing June 15.



**YAKUTAT:** Y. & S. RY. CO. (Yakutat & Southern Railway Co.), 5 cents in trade. The listed 5 cents token is "at the bar". Brass, 21mm (submitted by Lew Egnew).

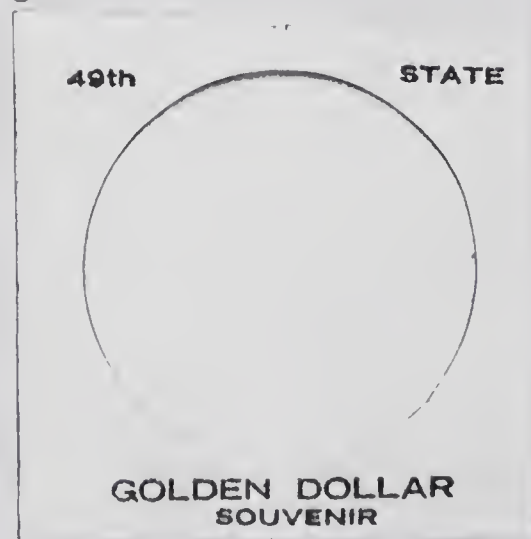
## STORAGE PROBLEMS

Many medals are sold or later packaged for display in snap-lock holders with foam backing. Over the years, this foam deteriorates and damages the medal. The Eskimo Olympics medals of 1965-1967, A-67 medals, some Fur Rondy medals and others were packaged this way. Collectors should examine their medals packaged with foam, and check for deterioration. It would be best to remove these medals from this type of holder before any damage is done.

-Kaye Dethridge

## FAIRBANKS DOLLAR, cont.

Another holder recently seen is a snap-lock case with a two inch square insert, printed gold on white. This is shown below.





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## THE GREAT KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

On the way home from Alaska and the Yukon in October of 1986, Bob Majni stopped off at Expo 86 in Vancouver, B.C. While there, he purchased Pierre Berton's massive book, "The Klondike Quest". This book sparked his imagination to design and engineer "The Great Klondike Gold Rush Travelling Exhibition".

Bob is in the sign and exhibit building business, so one might say he was able to combine his vocation with his avocation. Combining the skills required for his business, along with his interest in the history of the Klondike gold rush, he visited many of the same museums and archives that Mr. Berton utilized, and developed an interesting and professional exhibit. These provided photos needed to illustrate the exhibit. But more than photos were needed. Newspapers of the 1898 gold rush, advertisements, maps, artwork and enough historical artifacts to fill three display cases make this a mobile museum. Two old freighter sleds and a couple of rickety packing cases and snow shoes also add to the atmosphere. Bob attends the exhibit daily dressed as a prospector, doing narrative, panning demonstrations and supervising free gold panning for many visitors.

During the past 6 years, the exhibition has appeared at 76 shopping malls and one museum in 24 states and 5 provinces, from Edmonton to Nova Scotia, from Washington state to Florida, California to Vermont. At malls, the exhibit usually runs for 3 or 4 days. The one museum appearance was for 6 weeks!

Over the years, Bob has met some interesting people with connections to the north. At an exhibit in Washington, Olive Kinsey, daughter of Clark Kinsey, of the Kinsey & Kinsey Photographers of Grand Forks, Yukon stopped by and signed a photo of her in the book "Klondike Scrapbook" by Norm Bolotin. The son of Rev. Dickey, the first Presbyterian minister at Skagway in 1898, stopped by while the exhibit was in Kingston, Ontario. Pierre Berton missed the exhibit one time, but is trying catch up with Bob this fall in Orilla, Ont.

A short article is found on page 53 about another visitor to the exhibit.

"The Great Klondike Gold Rush Travelling Exhibit" is next scheduled to appear at the Fairlane Village Mall in Pottsville, PA from August 18 to 21. A return visit is scheduled to the Orilla Square Mall, Orilla, Ontario from November 3 to 5. If you are near either of these exhibits, stop by and say hello to Bob. If you would like to have a local mall contact him, his address is on the enclosed flier.



## EDITORIAL

We are sorry that this issue is a week or so late. Information that we wanted for this issue did not materialize, so we moved up the article on Bob Majni. And, it is a good thing that we moved it up, as Bob will be having an exhibition in the very near future in Pennsylvania.

The HOT summer has been a great non-motivator. Then Jerry, my partner decided to take some time off. Both factors have kept me out of the computer room, hustling ulus.

For those of you that have not given it up for dead, my stocks and bonds book is now on the fast track. Or at least as fast as my 11 year old son can print photos. I finally got the negatives back from a fellow that was suppose to print them for me (two years ago). Once Kenton masters the technique, it should not take very long to print the 100+ photos. Once that is done, I can lay out the book, and send it out to printers for bids.

All for now. Need to get this in the mail

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## MAVERICK IDENTIFIED

The odd maverick with the cryptic lettering has been identified as having been issued by an Anna Eva Fay. It is a magician's token, and can be found in an article by F. William Kuethe, Jr., TAMS, October, 1978. Mr. Kuethe gives his number MT129. Three additional pieces are attributed to Fay.

It is very common, worth about \$5.

Our thanks to Les Hill, Alan Weinberg and others for writing to identify this.

### PIN COLLECTORS NOTE

A newsletter for pin collectors is starting up again. For more information, contact Gary Tanghe, 3801 Helvetia Dr., Anchorage, AK 99508.

If you collect pins and buttons, and our very infrequent "Alaskan Znachki Bulletin" is not regular enough, drop Gary a note telling him you would like a copy.

### RARE SEALSKIN NOTE

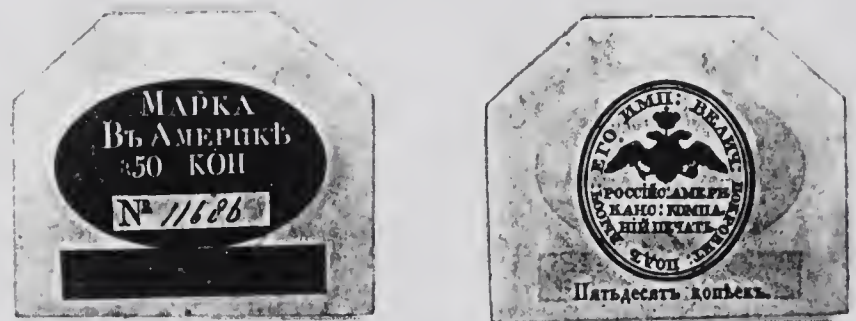


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A rare 50 Kopeks sealskin note, recently authenticated by the American Numismatic Association Authentication Bureau made an appearance at the recent ANA convention in Detroit. Several commented that it was the finest specimen sealskin seen.

We anticipate that this note, illustrated above, will be a part of our October auction. It is formerly of the Lewis Hopfenmaier collection.

All subscribers will receive a listing of the Alaskan lots with a copy of the newsletter. This issue of the newsletter is also being sent to museums statewide and major currency dealers to alert them to this sale.



## THE OLD PROSPECTOR

I wanted to share another bit of interesting Yukon related trivia with the readers of ATC&PN. Probably they have not heard of Jack Peterkin and his "labor of love. Mr. Peterkin portrayed a Yukon Sour-dough, telling an old prospector's tales in hundreds of performances at dinner theaters all across the U.S. and Canada.

I met Jack while doing my gold rush exhibition in Tampa, Florida in 1988. Jack and I spent a couple of hours jawing about our Klondike interests. He was retired from the profession of advertising and for 40 years played bit parts in many plays. He then directed his talents into developing the character of an old prospector from the Klondike gold rush days, drawing on the works of poet Robert Service. It was solo entertainment with music. Jack revealed that he made very little money doing it, but all expenses were paid. He loved doing it.

Jack was well up in years and hanging up the old prospector solo. He offered me the opportunity to step into his shoes, give me his props, materials and contacts to continue the old prospector, but I declined. I didn't feel adequate as an actor and was extremely busy with the exhibition.

In 1989, Jack had a bout with cancer. I tried a few times to contact him again with no luck. I can only assume he has possibly passed away.

Jack Peterkin will be remembered by only a small select group (an unsung hero), sharing his love of one of the most dramatic human events of the past century, the "Klondike Gold Rush". I'm glad to have had the privilege of meeting him. It's nice to run across people with one's same obscure passion.

A copy of a flier for the "Old Prospector is on the next page.

-Bob Majni

"Jack Peterkin joins the ranks of the best one-man show artists in recent decades including Hal Holbrook...." Brandon Sun, Brandon, Manitoba.

## TRADERS & TRAPPERS



Fur traders and trappers are featured on the trade dollar issued by Fort St. John, British Columbia, a community on the Alaska Highway.

The North Peace Historical Society has sponsored the 1994 municipal trade dollar to mark the bicentennial of Fort St. John. All proceeds will go towards the expansion of the Fort St. John North Peace Museum.

A scene depicting fur trading as it would have occurred at Rocky Mountain Fort, the first site of what is today Fort St. John, in 1794 between the North West Company and the First Nations Peoples is featured on the obverse. It shows a fur trader's store, picturing a trader behind his counter, with two Indians of the First Nations Peoples across the counter, one of whom is examining a rifle. "Fort St. John, B.C. / 1794-1994" is around the outer rim.

The reverse of the trade dollar depicts a voyageur canoe on the Peace River. Rocky Mountain Fort is visible on the banks of the river in the background, with high hills further in the background. "Value \$1.00 in Fort St. John" is above while "Expires October 31, 1994" is below.

Sherritt Inc., Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta struck 30,000 trade dollars on 33mm nickel bonded steel blanks, and 55 in pure silver (.55 ounces). Specimens of the NBS trade dollars are available postpaid for \$1.75. The pure silver specimens are price on request. Orders should be sent to the North Peace Historical Society, 9323 - 100th St., Fort St. John, B.C., Canada V1J 4N4.

-Jerry Remick





JACK B. PETERKIN  
and his celebrated  
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## **The OLD PROSPECTOR**

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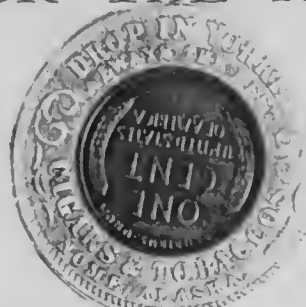
# Tales of a Yukon Sourdough

based on the fabulous  
Klondike Gold Rush of 1898, and  
the works of ROBERT W. SERVICE.

Hear "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," "The Cremation of Sam McGee,"  
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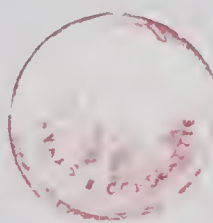
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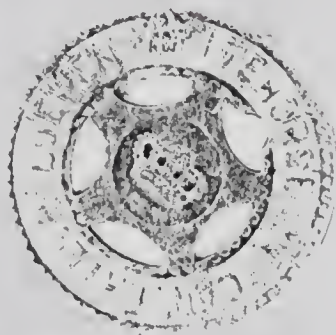
**NOME:** Encased Cent: Drop in Yorkey, Always the Best, Cigars & Tobacco. Aluminum casing, 31mm (submitted by Alan Weinberg).



**(THANE):** A.G.M. Co., This is a specimen. Aluminum, 22mm (submitted by Ron Benice).



**WRANGELL:** W. & F., no denomination. Reverse is marked Vass & Co., Seattle. Brass, 21mm (submitted by Alan Weinberg).



**WHITEHORSE, YT:** Good Luck Charm, Philip. Loewen Whitehorse YT Can. Aluminum, 33mm (submitted by Christie Tavernor).



**WHITE PASS & YUKON RAILROAD:** Brass tag and old fashion key. Front of tag reads W.P.&Y.R. / 19 4 37 (large 4) / Mail Service. The back reads DOC / Shop. Brass, 50mm by 27mm (submitted by Christie Tavernor).



**MAVERICK:** Whale, Good for 5¢ in trade. Brass, 21mm (submitted by Christie Tavernor).

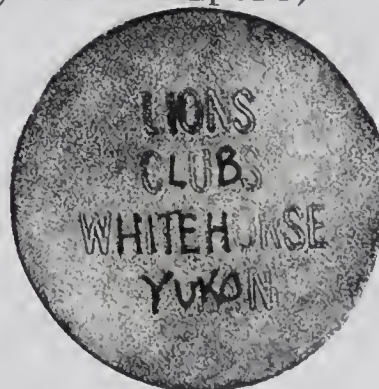
A nice run of older material for a change! Now a few more recent items.



**MOOSE CREEK, AK:** Pete's Place, Good for one free drink. White on red plastic, 42mm. Moose Creek is between North Pole and Eielson A.F.B. about 20 miles from Fairbanks. (submitted by Bary Bender).



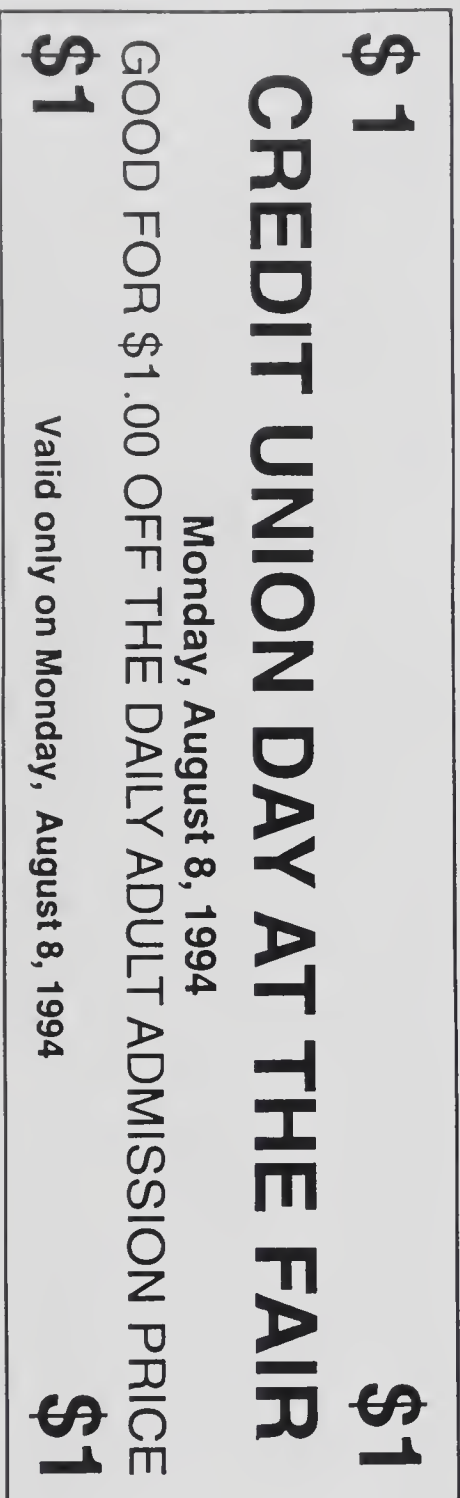
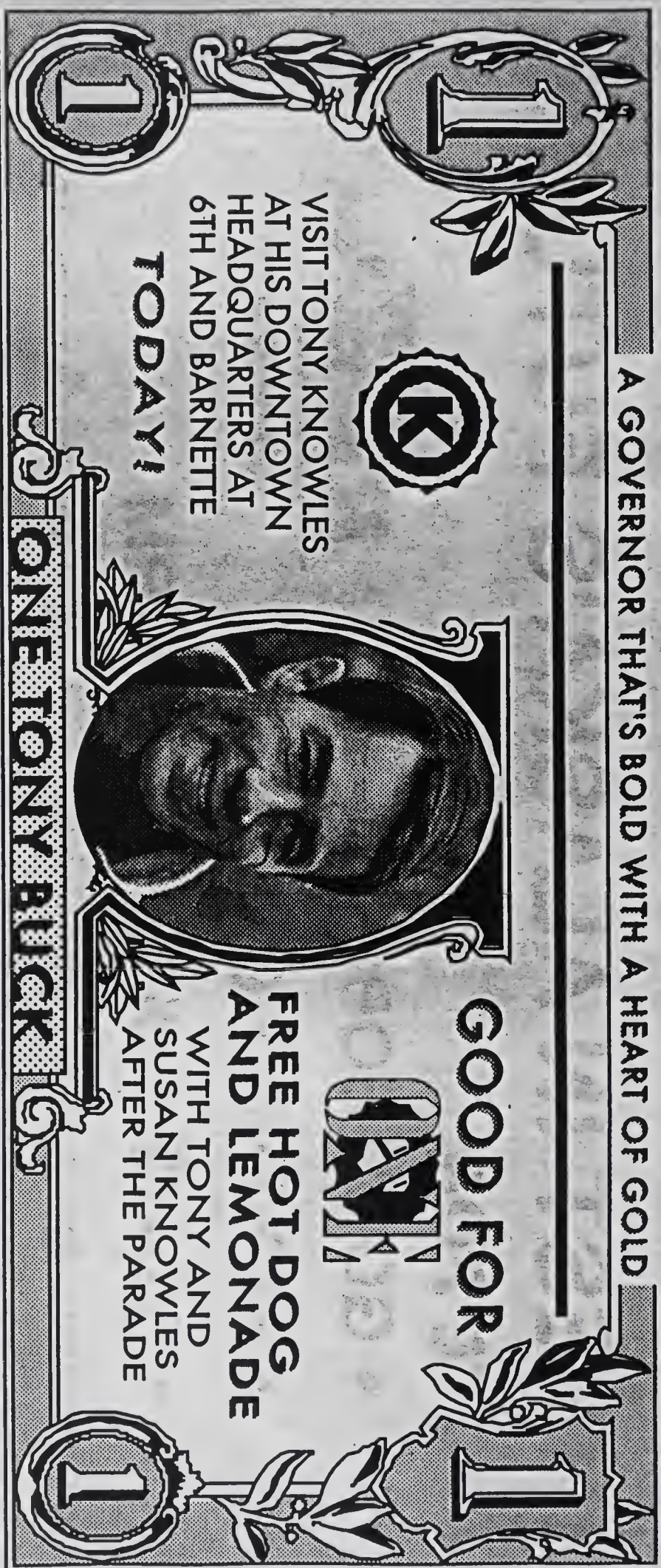
**SKAGWAY:** Golden North Hotel, 1982, Trade Token \$1, value 1/20 of a cent. Gold on blue plastic poker chip, 40mm (submitted by Steve Alpert).



**WHITEHORSE, YT:** Lions Clubs Whitehorse Yukon, \$5.00 with dot above and below. Black on red plastic, 38mm (submitted by Jim Robb).

This is just a quick issue in the heat of summer. Next issue will be larger, with much more information.





Above: The annual Credit Union Day at the Fair \$1 off coupon. Black on green, 160mm by 57mm.

Right: The silly season is upon us again! Tony Knowles for Governor, good for one free hot dog and lemonade after the (Golden Days) Parade. Black on fluorescent green, 215mm by 92mm.

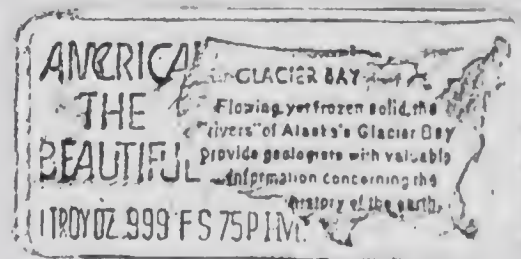
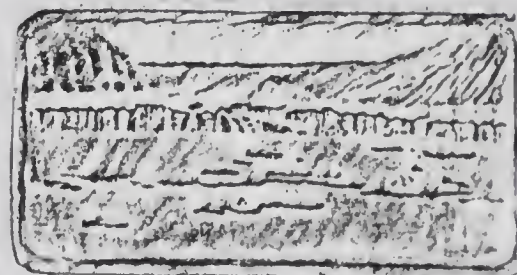
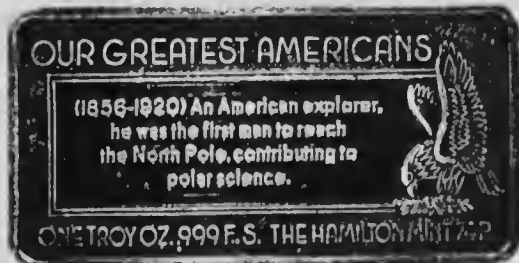
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FAIRBANKS ELKS CLUB: Millionaire Night, Alaska Golden Days. \$50 on an exchange rate of 1 for 10. Green on tan, signature in blue pen, 172mm by 75mm. Unfortunately, we do not know the year it was issued.

## HAMILTON MINT SILVER BARS



Among the items made by the Hamilton Mint, the "America the Beautiful Series" included Glacier Bay, while "Our Greatest Americans" honored Robert Peary. Both are 1 oz. .999.







## EDITORIAL

I am very pleased with the diverse coverage found in this issue. This issue, more than some recently, is the effort of several people supplying information from their areas of interest. When I start worrying about too many pages, I know it's a decent issue!

This issue is accompanied by the Alaskana section of our October 15th auction. As I type this, there is not much Alaskana included, but we are sure to add more. Of special interest will be the "sealskin" note issued by the Russian American Co., mentioned in the last issue of this newsletter. This is a rare opportunity for a serious collector to add this rare item in a rare condition to their collection. Did I mention that this was a rare piece?

Also included is a London newspaper from 1780 with the second part of a review of the first book in English to detail Russian activities in the Siberia and Alaska. This is an appropriate item for any collection of Alaskana.

Hope you enjoy this issue.

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## PLASTIC TRADE DOLLARS



In 1967, sets of three plastic trade dollars were issued in Anchorage and Juneau to celebrate the Purchase Centennial. The Anchorage dollars were red, white and dark blue, while the Juneau were green, yellow and light blue.

This summer we had a visitor to our shop who worked for Dupont. He informed us that these were made by Dupont from a material with the registered trade name of Delrin, generically known as acetal. He described it as a durable plastic.

He was in sales, and purchased many of the Anchorage sets to use as a promotional item for the product. He said Dupont did not pursue this kind of business, and to his knowledge, these were the only products of their kind. He did not recall seeing the Juneau sets, so he may just not be aware of others.

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# Marwest Sales

MARCH 1, 1994

DEAR IDITAROD COIN COLLECTOR:

DURING THE SPRING OF 1993 SOME IDITAROD COINS WERE MIS-STRUCK DURING THE MINTING PROCESS. WE ARE AT THIS TIME, RECALLING THOSE COINS.

THE COINS INVOLVED CONSIST OF 152 - 1990 ISSUE, 25 - 1991 ISSUE AND 25 - 1992 ISSUE. THE MIS-STRUCK COINS HAVE AN INCORRECT REVERSE DIE. THE DIE INDICATES THAT THE ISSUE NUMBER IS 5000 RATHER THAN THE CORRECT 2000 ISSUE AMOUNT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE COINS IN YOUR POSSESSION, PLEASE ADVISE US IMMEDIATELY SO THAT WE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE YOUR COINS REPLACED WITH THE CORRECT REVERSE.

IDITAROD WILL HOLD TO A LIMITED EDITION NUMBER OF 2000 COINS FOR 1990, 1991, AND 1992 TO INCLUDE THOSE COINS MINTED IN ERROR.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE AND THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



CORDIALLY.

*Mary Hedberg*  
MARY HEDBERG

We received this letter earlier this year, and have been meaning to run it in the newsletter. We purchased the entire mintage. Needless to say, we did not send any back! These error medals are still available as follows:

1990	-	\$40.00
1991	-	\$80.00
1992	-	\$80.00

Please add \$2.50 per order for postage and insurance. Send orders to ARCI, P.O. Box 72832, Fairbanks, AK 99707.



Westmark KLONDIKE INN		Spend a week with us at the Sternwheeler Lounge!					Westmark KLONDIKE INN	
<b>MEXICAN JUG MONDAY!</b>	<b>\$2.50 Tuesday!</b>	<b>Wing Wednesday!</b>	<i>Thirsty Thursday!</i>	<b>Finally Friday!</b>	<i>Sudsy Saturday!</i>	<b>RED HOT SUNDAYS!</b>		
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Play darts, cribbage, enjoy your favourite game on the big screen or just visit with your friends. Everyday, a great day at the Sternwheeler Lounge!

Sunday	Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday
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<b>\$1.00 off</b>	<b>\$1.00 off</b>	<b>\$1.00 off</b>	<b>\$1.00 off</b>	<b>\$1.00 off</b>	<b>\$1.00 off</b>	<b>\$1.00 off</b>
any regular priced item	any regular priced item	any regular priced item	any regular priced item	any regular priced item	any regular priced item	any regular priced item
						

Only one coupon per day. Cannot be used on any specially priced items. Westmark Klondike Inn, 2288 Second Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory

WHITEHORSE: Sternwheeler Lounge, Westmark Klondike Inn, strip of seven \$1 off coupons. Maroon on tan card stock, perforated between coupons, 178mm by 75mm.



# WELCOME!

Please present this card to your cocktail waitress in the

## TAKU ARMS LOUNGE

and enjoy the drink of your choice with our compliments.

**Management & Staff  
TAKU HOTEL**



(WHITEHORSE): Taku Arms Lounge, free drink card. Black on yellow, 126mm by 71mm. Believed to be from the 1960s or 1970s.

Ed. Note: Jim has sent in many more Yukon paper items, and they will be appearing in future issues.

We could surely use more correspondents like Jim. Contact us and ask how you can be a contributor and receive a free subscription.



## FOR THE RECORD



FAIRBANKS: Sunset Strip, good for one drink. Bronze anodized aluminum, 32mm (submitted by Bruce Haldeman).



FAIRBANKS: Alaska National Bank of Fairbanks. Whitman snap-lock holder specially printed to hold the "new" Kennedy Half Dollar.



FAIRBANKS: James C. Bell, the music man of Gold Rush Town, The Palace Theatre & Saloon. Black on wood (submitted by Bruce Haldeman).



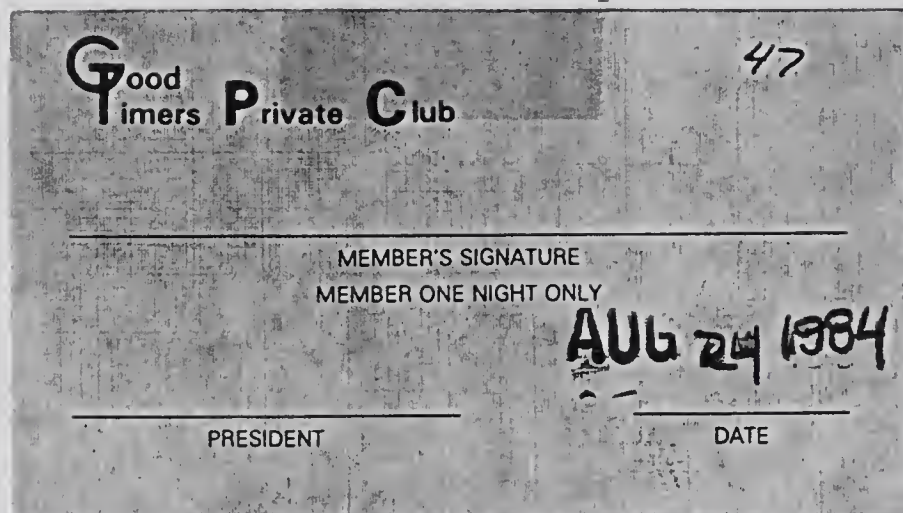
FORT ROSS, CA: Issued to commemorate the U.S. Bicentennial. Shows Kuskov, the founder of Fort Ross on the obverse, a view of Fort Ross is on the reverse. Gold plated, 45mm. 400 struck (submitted by Stephen P. Alpert).

## LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD

The vintage of the first item is not known. One would have to guess it was during the pipeline.



FAIRBANKS: Cover Girl Escort Service, Fairbank's Finest. Black on pink.



1. The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are: (a) To engage in lawful activities for relaxation, entertainment and contribution to the enjoyment of all those who are members and their guests, and (b) to participate in programs designed for the benefit of any community and humanity.
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(FAIRBANKS): Good Times Private Club, member one night only, Aug. 24, 1984. Black on blue.

It does not take much imagination to figure out what these were really for. Too bad these places did not have tokens! Our thanks to Bruce Haldeman for sharing these with us.



SHE ONLY THINKS SHE'S IN REAL ESTATE

While researching the 1959 trade dollar in the Fairbanks newspapers, we came across a photo of a person known to us, and to many of our readers. In a previous life she was known as Candy Walker. She pretends to still be in real estate with the business name of Chena Realty. In reality, she just comes into the office every day to play on the computer, cataloguing her vast storehouse of Alaskana. For your viewing enjoyment, we present the "before" photo (right). There is no "after" photo as we just could not get the camera to focus.

Below is the novelty advertising sponge, green on white, 139mm by 70mm. Frankly, we think Candy kept the advertising specialty people in business with her orders for rain hats, nail files and cork screws. And this was all a part of her master plan: to create collectible Alaskana to finance her retirement.

After this article, I suspect there will be no more ads for Chena Ventures!




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*Russell H. Hurlstone*  
TREASURER

DROP THIS BILL IN WATER - WATCH IT GROW!

FREEBIE

We are trying something different this month. George Simpanen brought in several sheets of forty "All-Alaska Dog Derby" tickets, designed by Ted Lambert, circa 1940. He said give them away. So, if all goes according to plan, there will be one stuck down with peelable glue just to the right, over a photocopy. If this didn't work then it will be stapled somewhere in this issue.

**ALL-ALASKA DOG DERBY**  
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*Good Luck!*

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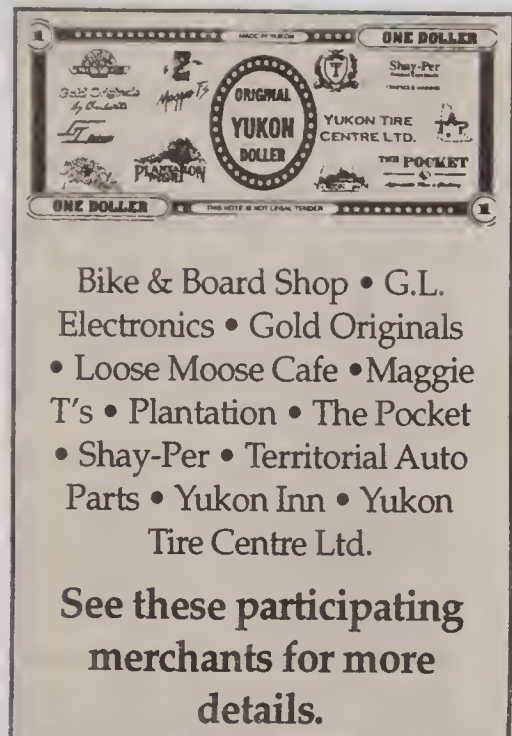
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## YUKON DOLLERS, cont.

What we like most about this promotion is that it doesn't take itself too seriously. Rule 5 states that they are valid until Dec. 31, 1994, "or until we change our minds (Whichever comes first)." Rule 7 is the clincher: "The above rules are subject to change without notice...Just because!!"



Yukon News, Aug. 13, 1994

The notes are printed in green on pale yellowish paper with the serial number in red. About 7,500 had been distributed to participating merchants.

## "GREENLAND" DOLLAR



From the catalogues, readers will know of the famous and expensive piastre called the Greenland dollar, dated 1771 and 1777. The question one asks is, why did the Eskimos or travellers to Greenland need a large, silver dollar-sized coin?

The Danish coin was issued in imitation of the Spanish Pillar Dollar, used world wide as a trade coin. The Danish coin was issued for use as a trade coin in the far east. The names ISLAN, GRONLAND and FERRO (for Iceland, Greenland and Faeroe

Islands) are found in the waves beneath the pillars.

The use of these colonies' names was to give the impression of Denmark as a major empire. To brag about ports in Asia or the small islands of the Danish West Indies would risk ridicule.

The people of the far east would not recognize the colonies' names. When they found Greenland on a map, so large and so far north, they would be impressed by Denmark's possessions, and the Danish empire would be glorified.

As far as I know, this faulty attribution began with Jules Fonrobert, and the catalogue of his collection by Adolph Weyl of Berlin. It is time to reattribute these coins: the 1771 struck at Copenhagen to Denmark, and the 1777 struck at Kongsberg to Norway

-Jørgen Sjømod

## VOGLER MEDALS



We have acquired four of the Vogler medals that we can sell at issue price. These were available only from the Alaska Independence Party's "Century Club", with no wholesale to resellers.

Joe Vogler disappeared May 30, 1993. Almost a year to the day later, Manfred West confessed to his murder, and then blew up the building he was in. He survived a three hour inferno with minor injuries. Now claims he just wanted to go out with some notoriety and he did not murder Joe Vogler.

The medals are available on a first come, first served basis at \$25, plus \$2.50 for postage and insurance. Limited to one medal per person, the first four orders will be filled, others will be returned.





**EIELSON A.F.B.:** Flat aluminum in the shape of an airplane, noting Armed Forces Day, E.A.F.B., 70. Presumably given as souvenirs (submitted by Bruce Haldeman).



*Iditarod  
1990  
Halfway  
Awarded to  
Lavon Barve*

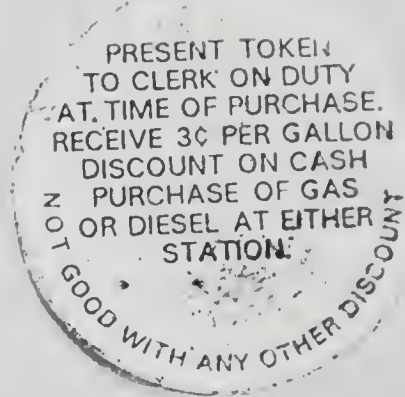
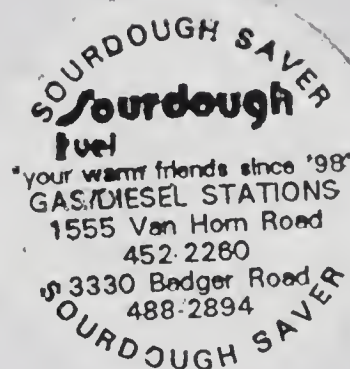
This pure silver ingot  
awarded to  
Lavon Barve  
by Alascom  
for reaching Cripple  
the halfway point  
to Nome on the  
1990 Iditarod Trail  
Sled Dog Race.  
6 days 13 hrs. 57 min.



**IDITAROD TRAIL:** Special holder for Alascom/Aurora 1 oz. silver medal. Mushing scene in blue on pale blue, printing in black on the front, pale blue back with black on white sticker. One of the medals awarded to Lavon Barve (lot 223 in our auction).



**(FAIRBANKS):** Alaska RKD gambling chip. Bifacial, green with three red border inserts, top hat and cane border, gold printing, 39mm. New color of chip reported in the April, 1980 issue of ATC&PN (submitted by Bruce Haldeman).



**(FAIRBANKS):** Sourdough Fuel, "Sourdough Saver" token. Metallic blue and metallic red on white plastic, 41mm.



**HAINES:** Chilkat Restaurant & Bakery, Good for one cup of coffee. Black on wood. A few available for \$2 plus SASE.

## SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND



Compania Argentina de Pesca operated shore based whaling stations. Tokens were issued in 10 and 50 øre and 1 and 5 Kroner. The 1 Krone is previously reported, but not illustrated.

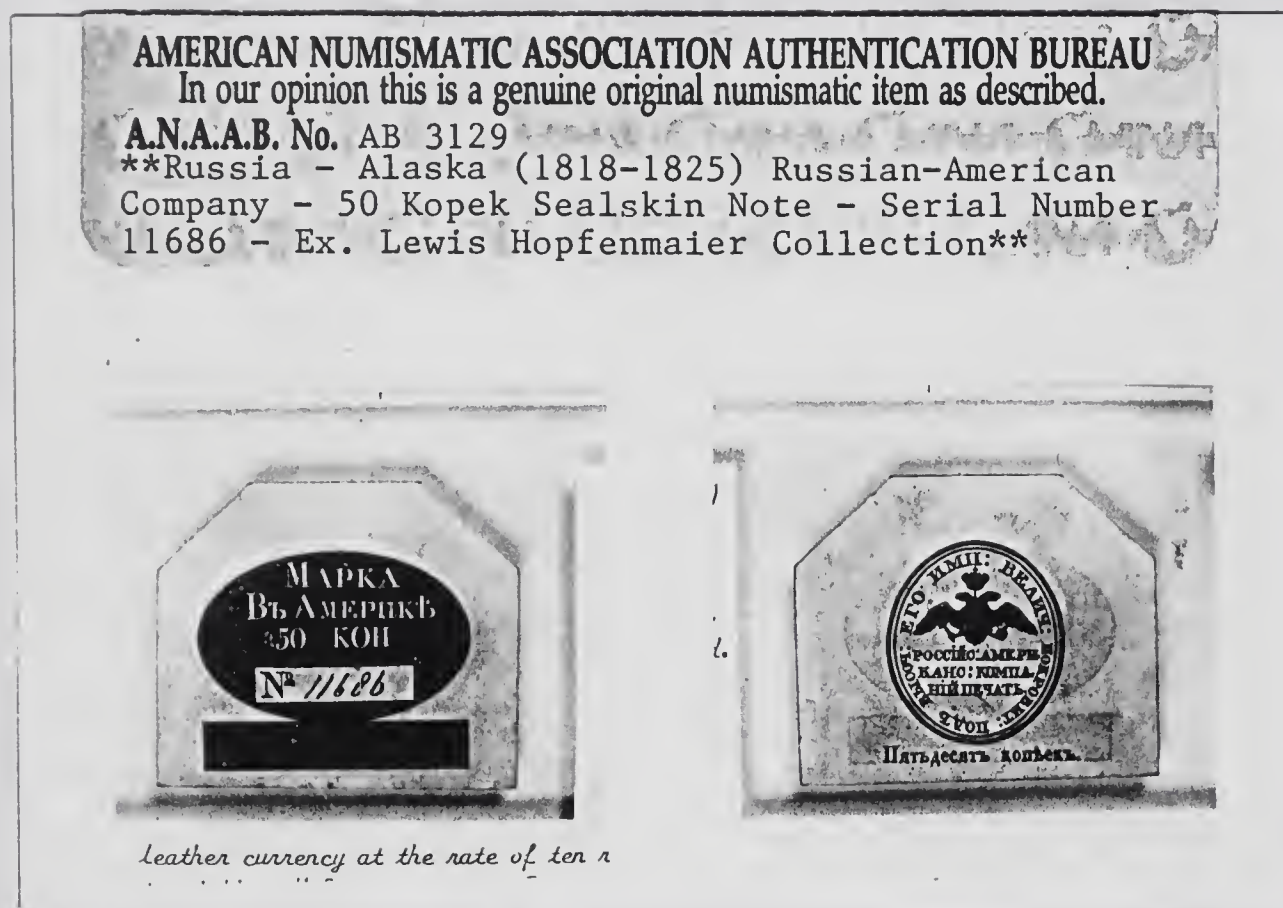


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ALASKANA

ESTIMATE



- 210 **RUSSIAN AMERICAN COMPANY:** 50 Kopeks "Sealskin" note, circa 1818-1825, serial number 11686, ex Lewis Hopfenmaier collection. Recently authenticated by the American Numismatic Association Authentication Bureau. Robert W. Hoge of the ANA Museum states, "I do not believe there could be a finer example in existence...It was a pleasure for me to have had the opportunity to authenticate this remarkable specimen." Condition is virtually as issued. Evidence now indicates that these parchment notes were made from walrus skin used to bind bundles of furs shipped to China, and then reused to wrap tea being shipped to Russia. The best portions were then printed and sent as currency to Alaska. Ted Uhl's census only shows six 50 Kopeks notes. A hoard of 15 notes were auctioned by R.M. Smythe Co. Inc. in June of 1993. The notes ranged from 10 Kopeks to 10 Roubles. These were of vastly inferior quality. Two barely identifiable 50 Kopeks notes (not included in the census) realized \$900 and \$1000. A 10 Roubles, a very scarce note and one of the few notes with a readable serial number in the Smythe sale, realized \$7200. Because of the quality difference, it is hard to make a valid comparison with this current specimen offered.

7,000.00-8,000.00

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- 211 **The London Chronicle, August 8, 1780** with a review of the first English work on Russian contacts in Alaska. This is second part of the review, starting at chapter 8. References are made to Umnak, Unalaska, the Foxes and "Kadyak" (Kodiak) Islands. Extremely early account of Alaska covering nearly the entire front page. A total of 8 pages, covering subjects from Ireland, Scotland, South Carolina, privateering and bankruptcies. Really fascinating reading. Excellent condition.

100.00+



## ALASKANA , cont.

ESTIMATE

- 212 **Alaska Tokens:** Dillingham, Fisherman's Co-op Trading Company coupon book. A complete \$25 book with 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents coupons, a total of 160 coupons. Fairly scarce and desirable. 150.00+
- 213 **Alaska Token:** Skagway, B.P.O.E. 431 (Elks Club), B-2a. No denomination. This is the scarcer small size. Also included is the undated (1969) version of the Dawson Dollar. 50.00+
- 214 **Territory of Alaska Liquor Revenue Stamps.** Sheet of 10 black on gold decal type stamps, for 4/5 quart. Serial numbered and complete. Also, a black on green coupon type stamp for 3 gallons or less. 30.00+
- 215 **Alaska and Hawaii Statehood Medals,** 1959, by Medallie Art. Massive, high relief bronze medals. Each medal has a state map on the obverse and the state seal on the reverse. Both medals come in the original boxes with all original literature. Very attractive and popular. Two medals. 50.00
- 216 **Anchorage Fur Rendezvous Medals.** 1973 and (3) 1982 brass medals. 4 pcs. 20.00
- 217 **Alaska Gold Medal:** 1976, One ounce pure gold from Man Mining Company, Manley Hot Springs, AK. Known locally as "Bobby Miller coins", for the man responsible for having them made. Mintage is unknown, but probably less than 100. Obverse is a map of Alaska, reverse is an eagle. 500.00
- 218 **Alaska Gold Medal:** 1978, One ounce pure gold. As the preceding item, but issued two years later. Same obverse, the reverse is two eagles in flight. 500.00
- 219 **Alaska 25th Anniversary of Statehood Silver Medal,** 1984. There were over a dozen different silver medals made for the silver anniversary of statehood. The one offered here is our product with the Big Dipper on the obverse and Denali on the reverse. We made about 2,000 of these. Also included is a one ounce silver medal issued by Oxford Assaying and Refining featuring two caribou and a bear on the obverse and an eagle on the reverse. A total of two silver medals. 35.00
- 220 **University of Alaska Woolly Mammoth Gold and Silver Medal Set.** Originally issued in 1986, this particular set was last offered in our 3/87 auction, and we quote "The Museum originally planned for the striking of 500 gold sets, but this has been reduced to just 100. (Note: Actually, only 39 gold were minted). The first 10 gold sets ordered were struck from the wrong dies in which the mammoth was incorrectly depicted, and since then two of these have been melted leaving only eight sets from the error dies! All the balance struck have been from a new die prepared to the artist's specifications. For the record, numbers 11, 13-16, 40, 47 and 63 were prepared from the wrong die, of which this is number 47." These sets were not sequentially numbered, but ordered with the number between 1-100 at the customer's request. Each medal, silver and gold, is one troy ounce and originally sold for \$650 per set. This is a wonderful recent rarity. 600.00-1,000.00
- 221 **University of Alaska Woolly Mammoth Lead Pattern Set.** This set of two uniface medals accompanied the gold and silver medal set that precedes this lot. These were struck to test the dies: one is the obverse of the mammoth (the incorrect die) and the other is the reverse with the seal of the University. Only a few of these exist, making these even rarer than the medals. - - -
- 222 **Fairbanks Daily News-Miner Christmas Silver.** Given to employees at Christmas. Undated (1987) one ounce silver bar showing Santa, first of the series. Also, 1990 one ounce silver round with News-Miner masthead. See this coming December's issue of our newsletter Alaskan Token Collector & Polar Numismatist for information on this series. Two pieces. 40.00



- 223 **Alascom/Aurora Silver Medal.** These medals were awarded to the first musher to reach the half way point on the Iditarod. This is the first piece that we have seen in a special holder. This medal was awarded to Lavon Barve in the 1990 Iditarod for being the first musher into Cripple. The holder is probably worth more than the medal! 25.00+
- 224 **Alaska Teamsters 50th Anniversary Silver Medal, 1991.** Teamster logo on the obverse, mountains on the reverse. First we have handled. 25.00
- 225 **Official Alaska 1992 1/4 oz. Silver State Medals.** In 1989, the state decided to begin a medal program. The original contractor (Alaska Precious Metals) went bankrupt in 1991. The state then awarded a new contract to the Anchorage Mint, which had a new medallion out by mid-summer. Unfortunately, this missed a half a year's market. They minted until 12/31/92. The mintages for 1992 are lowest for any fractional sizes since the program began (mintage figures for 1991 are not available, but we feel sure more were minted than in 1992). This lot consists of (3) 1/4 ounce silver medals with the eagle on the obverse. Only 448 were minted. Three pieces. 50.00
- 226 **Official Alaska 1992 1/10 oz. Silver State Medals.** The same as the preceding lot, but the smallest size issued. Only 236 were minted making this the scarcest silver medal of the entire series. Three pieces. 80.00
- 227 **Mt. Vaughan Antarctic Expedition Silver Medal, 1993/94.** Col. Norman Vaughan a dog driver with Adm. Byrd. He was to be the last person to mush dogs in the Antarctic, and then climb Mt. Vaughan. The expedition suffered a plane crash and the loss of some of the dogs. Logistics could not be arranged to continue. Col. Vaughan is going to attempt to climb Mt. Vaughan again this year in the Antarctic summer of 1994/95. Very attractive medal that retails for \$30. 25.00
- 228 **Anchorage Fur Rendezvous Collector Pin, 1980** Polar Bear. 80.00
- 229 **Anchorage Fur Rendezvous Collector Pin, 1981** Eagle. 75.00
- 230 **Anchorage Fur Rendezvous Collector Pin, 1982** Dall Ram. 60.00
- 231 **Anchorage Fur Rendezvous Collector Pins, 1985** Trapper, 1986 Beaver. 2 pcs. 50.00
- 232 **Iditarod Trail Collector Pins, 1982 and 1983.** Two pins. 100.00+
- 233 **Iditarod Trail Belt Buckle, 1981.** Sterling silver, made for The Hideout. 250.00
- 234 **Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, 1909,** booklet postcard. Twenty-four views in color of the Fair, published by Portland Post Card Co. 10.00-15.00
- 235 **Alaskan Photos.** 81 tiny (2 1/2 by 1 5/8 inches) photos, album dated 1945. Photos taken in Fairbanks, Nome, Galena, Kodiak and Ft. Richardson. From nice views to photos of the wing of a plane. Easily worth.. 100.00
- 236 **Alaska Book. "Alaska and the Klondike Gold Fields"** by A.C. Harris, 1897. One of the more popular books contemporary with the gold rush. Intact, but binding is tired. Nice pictorial cover. 100.00
- 237 **Polar Exploration Book. "Farthest North"** by Nansen, 1897. Spines starting to tear at top, pen markings on cover and spine, bindings a bit loose. Otherwise attractive two volume set. 150.00+
- 238 **Alaska Zoo Kit,** Official souvenir of the Alaska Exhibit at the 1962 Seattle Worlds Fair, 1962. Six, three dimensional models of native Alaskan animals. Also, "Arctic Adventure" Smart Chart by Hammond (the atlas people). Full color 25" by 38" wall chart and 8 page book. Two neat pieces. 15.00+
- 246 **Souvenirs from Siberia!** Znachki (collectors pins); (3) Yakutsk, Magadan, and Moscow. (3) postcards from Yakutsk. Calling cards of government officials, (4) Yakutsk and (2) Magadan. (3) postage stamps showing samovars, and a strip of (5) postage stamps with what appear to be American Indians and settlers. A neat assortment of small souvenirs. 15.00







## EDITORIAL

Hopefully, this will go in the mail a little early! As you read this, your editor will be in Phoenix, Arizona playing baseball in the Men's Senior Baseball League "World Series". While I qualify for the 40+ division, I will be in the 30+ with all the young guys! A friend and I joined up with a team from Connecticut. We will check out the tournament, and try to put together a team from Alaska for next year. If my back and knees hold out through six games in four days, I will report back in the next issue. If the body fails me, no more will be said!

Our thanks to Doug Wamsley for a fine article on a unique piece of polar numismatics. Thanks also go to Alan Weinberg for providing illustrations. We have the promise of more articles with a polar theme from Doug, so keep watching these pages.

The 1994 Christmas Shopper accompanies this issue. Some new items, some old items at reduced prices. Look it over carefully and leave it in a conspicuous spot with the items marked and make Santa's job all that much easier.

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## ALASKA ON RUSSIAN STAMPS

Although Russia sold Alaska in 1867, their earlier role is quite evident in history books and place names. Interestingly, in 1991 the then-Soviet Union issued a series of postage stamps commemorating various events in Russian America.



20 Kopeks, blue. Grigori Ivanovich Shelikof, Three Saints Harbor on Kodiak Island, 1784. The Russian American Company was originally the Shelikof Company.



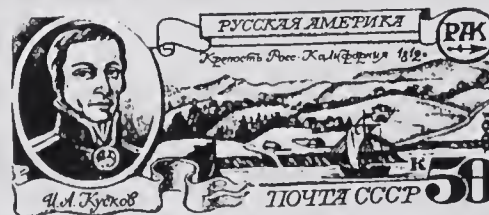
30 Kopeks, tan. Alexander Andreievich Baranof, New Archangel on Sitka Island.



30 Kopeks, tan. Sailing ship and map of Alaska, 250th anniversary of Bering and Chirikof expedition to the American coast.



30 Kopeks, brown and blue. Sailors and mountains. Same legend as preceding.



50 Kopeks, brown. I.A. Kuskof, Russian California Fortress (Ft. Ross), 1812.

The three portrait stamps say "Russian America, PAK (Russian American Company)" at the top, and all say USSR postage at the bottom. All are 25mm by 55mm.

-Ron Benice



## ARCTIC MEDAL, cont.

locating her lost husband and had sought the involvement of American whaling vessels to aid in the search for her lost husband, Grinnell purchased two ships entirely with his own money for a proposed search effort. He also paid most of the cost of outfitting the ships (renamed "Advance" and "Rescue"), for the rigors of Arctic service. When governmental action on the matter of U.S. aid stalled, his intervention secured the appointment of U.S. Navy officers and crew to the ships.

The expedition, known as the "First Grinnell Expedition," left New York on May 22, 1850 under the command of Lieutenant Edwin Jesse De Haven. The ships proceeded northward to Greenland where they made a stop for supplies and where they encountered the treacherous icepack. From Greenland, De Haven next maneuvered west through Melville Bay and its drifting ice in which many a ship had been "nipped" and lost. The expedition ships became caught in the ice of Melville Bay. For 21 days, the ships adeptly worked through the ice to avoid being crushed. In early August, the ice opened its grip and the ships succeeded in escaping. The adventurers then entered Lancaster Sound, high in the Canadian Arctic, considered the best route westward in search of the Northwest Passage.

Following the trail of the lost Franklin expedition, the American ships fell in with more than five British ships there for the same purpose. Captain Horatio Thomas Austin commanded four of the British Naval ships. Austin's ships, which included the Resolute, Intrepid, Assistance and Pioneer, had left England in May, 1850. In August, 1850, within Lancaster Sound, members of the British search expeditions found the first traces of Franklin's expedition since its departure in 1845. Shortly thereafter, they were joined by the members of the First Grinnell Expedition. The Franklin expedition items that were found by searchers included an encampment, empty food tins, articles of clothing and three graves which contained the bodies of Franklin expedition members. It was clear that the expedition wintered there in 1846. But

where in the maze of islands and ice in the Canadian arctic had it gone? Neither the First Grinnell Expedition nor the British search expeditions would find the answer at this time. Subsequent expeditions would find conclusive evidence that the members of the Franklin expedition had perished.

The First Grinnell Expedition passed a long, dark and frigid winter in their ships in the Arctic; temperatures dropped below -53 F. Today, it is hard to imagine the difficulties under which these 19th century sailors labored. Besides suffering from extreme cold in poorly heated cabins, the men suffered from scurvy as a result of an inadequate diet. After drifting in the ice for months, the ships were finally freed in May, 1851. They returned to New York on September 30, 1851.

On November 4, 1851, Henry Grinnell was honored by a dinner at the Astor House in New York City given by the British residents of New York. The Astor House must have been favorably disposed to the explorers since it also provided lodging to them prior to their departure in 1850. Over 150 persons were in attendance (including the officers of the expedition), and the event made the front page of the New York Times the following day. Ironically, Henry Grinnell, a very modest man, did not attend his own testimonial dinner, but was represented by his son, Cornelius. Mr. Anthony Barclay, Consul General for Great Britain, made a long speech in praise of Grinnell and the members of the expedition.



The officers and crew of the expedition (33 persons) were awarded 38mm silver medals struck by George H. Lovett, noted New York City diesinker (illustrated above). These medals were engraved with



## ARCTIC MEDAL, cont.

their respective names. The silver medal illustrated on the preceding page is uncirculated prooflike and unnamed. It was found with the gold Grinnell medal.

The Grinnell gold medal (see the front page), which is entirely hand engraved, is substantially larger and has a different inscription than the medal awarded to the officers and crew. The Grinnell medal also has an ornate chased border and American and British flags displayed at the top, together with a small gold medallion and ribbon between the flags. The Grinnell medal measures 56mm by 79mm and weighs approximately 4 oz. of pure gold. The medal is hand-inscribed as follows:

Obverse - "The British Residents of New-York to HENRY GRINNELL in grateful admiration of his noble effort to save Sir John Franklin. 'Tis thine to feel anothers woe. And ours to mark the sacred glow. 1851."

Reverse - Engraving of the expedition ships, Advance and Rescue, imperiled by the frozen sea.

Mr. Barclay presented the silver medals to the officers of the expedition at the dinner. It was thought best that the members of the crew, who were not invited to the dinner, should receive their medals on board the American warship, "North Carolina," several days later. The medals to the crew would be presented with "a small sum of money to make Jack and his wife happy for one day at least" reported the New York Times.

I have seen at auction at least two examples of the silver medals, both exhibiting wear and abuse. One example, awarded to Harman G. Wille, Carpenter of the First Grinnell Expedition, was sold at Christie's. The other medal was sold at a Charles Kirtley auction. It was also a named medal, but I do not know the identity of the recipient. It is interesting to note that if the medals awarded to the members of the crew (and not just the officers) were silver, it would be very unusual. Generally, if members of the crew received any medal, and generally they did not, the medals would have been copper or

bronze. The fact that the Carpenter, generally not an officer, received a silver medal does suggest that this was the case. Also, because the medals were presented by private individuals, rather than the Government, they could do as they pleased without accounting for the financial consequences or standard protocol which would generally have limited the silver medals to officers. I would greatly appreciate any information others may have about other examples of this medal.

Grinnell was the founding and guiding spirit of American exploration of the Canadian Arctic. He continued to personally contribute to Arctic expeditions subsequent to the First Grinnell Expedition. Through his patronage, Elisha Kent Kane, who served as surgeon on the First Grinnell Expedition, would command his own Arctic expedition in search of Franklin and achieve national acclaim. In addition, through Grinnell, Charles Francis Hall and Isaac Israel Hayes would receive financial and other support necessary to fulfill their Arctic ambitions. The gold medal awarded to Henry Grinnell continues to stand as a fitting token of his noble gesture.

As an avid polar enthusiast with a broad interest, I would be interested in hearing about these or other medals or items of polar note. My mailing address is 119 Monte Vista Ave., Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

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## FOR THE RECORD



**ANCHORAGE:** Youth Hockey Commemorative, 1989, Dempsey A. Anderson/In appreciation of 30 years of loving service to Alaska's youth, Head Buzzard. One ounce pure silver. Some unknown controversy is attached to this medal. It is reported that most were melted (Kurtis Hawk).



**JUALIN, AK:** Brass bag tags, three types, all with a circled J, all 37mm. a) no numbers, b) small numbers and c) large numbers. JU (Juneau) AL (Alaska) IN (Indiana) operated 40 miles north of Juneau across Berner's Bay (Kurtis Hawk).

**SWAP** Hyder, Alaska, McDonnell Hotel (one known) for NAT&T Co. \$1.00 or any Yukon trade token that I lack. The McDonnell is dug, but VG.

Les Hill, 3291 King George Hwy., White Rock, BC CANADA V4P 1B7.



**TRADE:** Pantheon Saloon, Honolulu, Hawaii and CASH for Falkland Islands Globe Hotel 3d or 4d, South Georgia Island 50 Øre or 5 Krone, or Washington & Fanning Islands 12.5 cents. Dick Hanscom, ARCI, P.O. Box 72832, Fairbanks, AK 99707.



## PRICES REALIZED

Below are the prices realized from the Alaskan lots in our Oct. 15 auction.

210	5600	225	30
211	220	226	80
212	90	227	20
213	40	228	30
214	31	229	25
215	50	230	20
216	10	231	20
217	410	232	30
218	410	233	100
219	20	234	8
220	500	235	110
221	80	236	80
222	20	237	180
223	19	238	18
224	20	246	10

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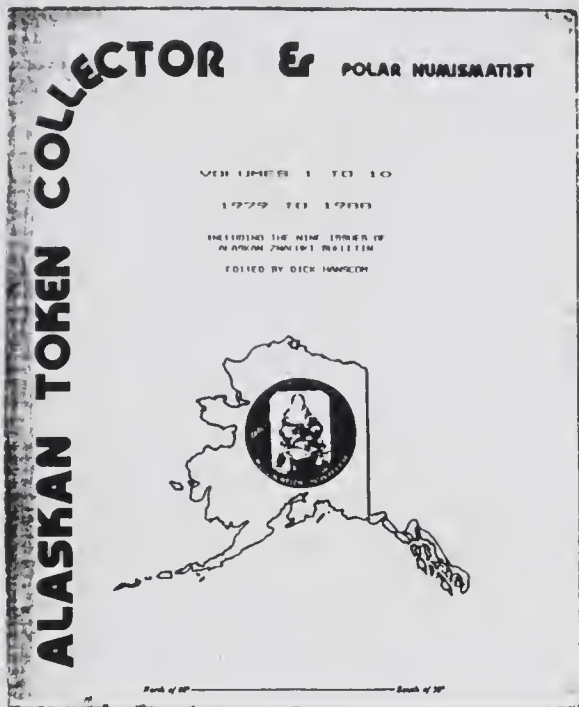




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**ALASKAN TOKEN COLLECTOR AND POLAR NUMISMATIST: 10 YEAR VOLUME.** We still have a supply of the paper bound version of this massive volume of information on Alaskan, Yukon and other polar region tokens, medals currency and miscellanea. Well of 500 pages and generously illustrated. If you haven't been a subscriber for all of our 15 years, then you do not know what you've missed! Only 135 copies were planned: ten in leather bound, 25 in cloth bound and 100 in paper bound. Presently, only 5 each in cloth and leather (both sold out) and 25 in paper have been printed. Not many of the paper bound are left, and these are priced at \$150.00. No more will be printed.

**ALASKAN TOKEN COLLECTOR AND POLAR NUMISMATIST: BACK ISSUES.** These are available for \$1 per copy or \$10 per year. All years are still available. **15 YEAR INDEX:** I got tired of looking at yearly indexes to find items in the newsletter. 15 years was a good round number, so we compiled this index. A great time saver if you are looking for something that has appeared in our first fifteen years! It is 18 pages long.

See the order blank for books about Alaskan and Yukon tokens.



**OFFICIAL STATE BULLION MEDALS:** The 1994 presently in stock! Currently available in 1/10, 1/4 and 1 ounce silver and 1/10 and 1 ounce gold. These are priced on the order blank. Featuring a bear on the obverse and the state seal on the reverse, these are a best seller. Order early, because if we run out as Christmas approaches, you may be disappointed. The 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 are still available, as noted on the order blank.

**ALASKA HIGHWAY LEND LEASE:** This dual commemorative for 50th Anniversary of the construction of the Alaska Highway and the 50th anniversary of the Lend Lease Program features a view of the Highway on the obverse and a P-39 airplane on the reverse. The P-39 aircraft was flown through Fairbanks on their way to the Soviet Union during World War II. A very popular item with tourists traveling up the highway, Alaskans traveling to the Soviet Union and armchair travelers! An attractive medal with satin surfaces, originally priced at \$16.00, reduced to a close-out price of \$12.95!





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**ALASKA 25th ANNIVERSARY OF STATEHOOD:** Ten years is long enough to be selling any medal. We originally commissioned this medal in 1984 for the 25th Anniversary of Statehood. We are down to less than 60 pieces. No more will be struck. Our usual price on these is \$24.95, but we are closing these out at only \$15.00

**ALASKA TRANSPORTATION MEDAL:** Another one ounce silver medal that we recently commissioned, this depicts various modes of transportation in Alaska. The Riverboat Nenana, a diesel locomotive of the Alaska Railroad, a bush plane on floats and a dog team encircle a map of Alaska. This medal honors the transportation industry as the key to the development of Alaska. The obverse is frosted with prooflike surfaces. The reverse bears our familiar "Denali" reverse. Our least expensive 1 ounce silver medal, regularly priced at \$14.00

**YUKON QUEST DOG SLED RACE MEDALS:** The Yukon Quest Medals, first issued in 1993, have become very popular. The race is run from Fairbanks to Whitehorse, changing direction each year. Truly an international race, it follows historic winter trails in Alaska and the Yukon. Like the "other" race, the Iditarod, it is experiencing financial difficulties, so we cannot foretell how long this series will run. The 1993 is priced at \$50, while the 1994 is priced below issue price at \$29.95 until the 1995 becomes available!



A cute holidays' art bar featuring a bear licking a candy cane. First issued last year (undated), we hope to have artwork for the 1994 before we go to press. The 1994 should be available in mid-November.

**ONE OUNCE SILVER MEDALS:** We have many other one ounce silver medals. Please refer to the order blank for prices. Many of these will be illustrated on the order blank.



**IDITAROD SLED DOG RACE MEDALS:** These have become very popular recently. As a subscriber, you are aware of the "error" medals. We have all Iditarod medals in stock except of the normal "2000" reverse 1990. Our supply of the 1990 "5000" reverse is below 50 pieces. When these are gone, there are no more! See the order blank for current prices.



# CHRISTMAS SHOPPER 1994 ORDER BLANK

## MEDALS

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_____	HOLIDAYS' ART BAR, UNDATED, 1 OZ. SILVER @ \$14.50 -----	_____
_____	HOLIDAYS' ART BAR, 1994, 1 OZ. SILVER @ \$14.50 -----	_____
_____	WOLF SUMMIT MEDAL, 1 OZ. SILVER @ \$16.00-----	_____
_____	ALASKA HIGHWAY/LEND LEASE 1 OZ. SILVER MEDAL @ \$12.95-----	_____
_____	ALASKA TRANSPORTATION 1 OZ. SILVER MEDAL @ \$14.00-----	_____
_____	UNKNOWN FIRST FAMILY MEDAL @ \$28 -----	_____
_____	U OF A WOOLY MAMMOTH ONE OUNCE SILVER MEDAL @ \$28.00 -----	_____
_____	U OF A RIVERBOAT NENANA ONE OUNCE SILVER MEDAL @ \$29.75 -----	_____
_____	25th ANNIVERSARY OF STATEHOOD 1 OZ. SILVER MEDAL @ \$15.00 ---	_____
_____	PRESIDENTIAL/PAPAL VISIT ONE OUNCE SILVER MEDAL @ \$30.00 ----	_____
_____	PURCHASE OF ALASKA RAILROAD ONE OUNCE SILVER MEDAL @ \$25.00 -	_____
_____	50TH ANNIV. OF MATANUSKA COLONY 1 OZ. SILVER MEDAL @ \$25.00 -	_____
_____	GOLDEN WELD MEDAL, 10K GOLD (APPROX. 1/20 OZ.) @ \$27.50 -----	_____
_____	OFFICIAL ALASKAN BULLION, 1989 1 OZ. SILVER @ \$50.00 -----	_____
_____	OFFICIAL AK BULLION, 1989 1/10, 1/2 & 1 OZ. SILVER @ \$70.00 -	_____
_____	OFFICIAL ALASKAN BULLION, 1990 1 OZ. SILVER @ \$30.00 -----	_____
_____	OFFICIAL ALASKAN BULLION, 1990 4 PC. SILVER SET @ \$50.00 ----	_____
_____	OFFICIAL ALASKAN BULLION, 1991 1 OZ. SILVER @ \$50.00 -----	_____
_____	OFFICIAL ALASKAN BULLION, 1991 4 PC. SILVER SET @ \$75.00 ----	_____
_____	OFFICIAL ALASKAN BULLION, 1992 1 OZ. SILVER @ \$25.00 -----	_____
_____	OFFICIAL ALASKAN BULLION, 1993 1/10 OZ. SILVER @ \$10.00 -----	_____
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_____	OFFICIAL ALASKAN BULLION, 1994 1/10 OZ. GOLD @ \$80.00 -----	_____
_____	OFFICIAL ALASKAN BULLION, 1994 1/2 OZ. GOLD @ \$300.00 -----	_____
_____	OFFICIAL ALASKAN BULLION, 1994 1 OZ. GOLD @ \$550.00 -----	_____
_____	IDITAROD SILVER MEDAL, 1990 WITH ERROR REVERSE @ \$60.00 -----	_____
_____	IDITAROD SILVER MEDALS, 1991 WITH CORRECT REVERSE @ \$30.00 --	_____
_____	IDITAROD SILVER MEDALS, 1992 WITH CORRECT REVERSE @ \$40.00 --	_____
_____	IDITAROD SILVER MEDALS, 1991 OR 1992 WITH ERROR REVERSE (MINTAGE ONLY 25 EACH) @ \$100.00 EACH ---	_____



## MEDALS . cont.

EDITAROD SILVER MEDAL, 1993 @ \$30.00 EACH -----

IDITAROD SILVER MEDAL, 1994 @ \$30.00 EACH -----

YUKON QUEST, 1993 1 OZ. SILVER MEDAL @ \$50.00 -----

YUKON QUEST, 1993 1 OZ. SILVER MEDAL @ \$29.95 -----

ALASKAN PROSPECTOR, 1994, 1 OZ. SILVER W/NUGGET @ \$19.95 ----

VAUGHAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION, 1 OZ. SILVER MEDAL @ \$29.00----



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This issue will put to rest Volume 16. I must say that I am quite pleased with this year's effort, and I hope that you are also.

As is customary, I would like to thank all those contributors that have made this year possible. These people are listed below in the order in which their names appeared in this year's issues:

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As always, this publication is "reader driven". You get a lot of me, but the most interesting material is that submitted by readers willing to share their knowledge. The more we have of that, the better this publication will be. Please consider sharing your knowledge with others.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone that has made this publication possible for the previous 16 years, and thank in advance all of you that will make the 17th year one of the finest yet!

### ALASKA TOKEN BOOK

Ron Benice and TAMS report that the second edition of Alaska Tokens should be available after the first of the year.

If memory serves me, Ron said that there are 340 pages (the first edition was 208), with a bunch (sorry can't remember how many) of new listings. The tokens are completely renumbered.

We will have these as soon as they are available. We will begin accepting orders for immediate shipment as soon as we know the price.

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Jim Robb sent in a neat key fob from the Keno City Mining Museum. It is silver colored, irregularly round, and measures about 45mm from top to bottom.

The obverse features a hard rock miner with a drill working at the rock face. The reverse bears the legend, "A tribute to all the men and women who played a vital role in developing this region's rich mining history."

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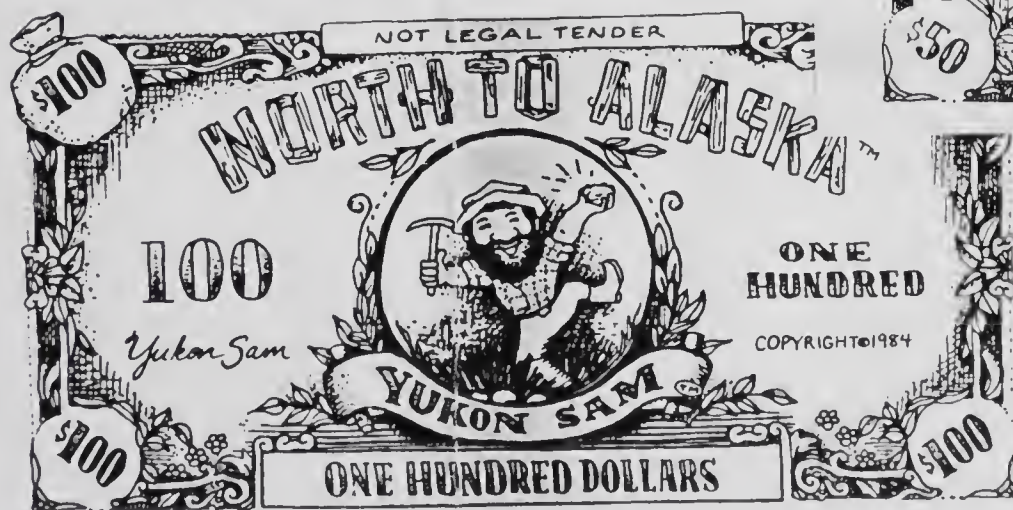
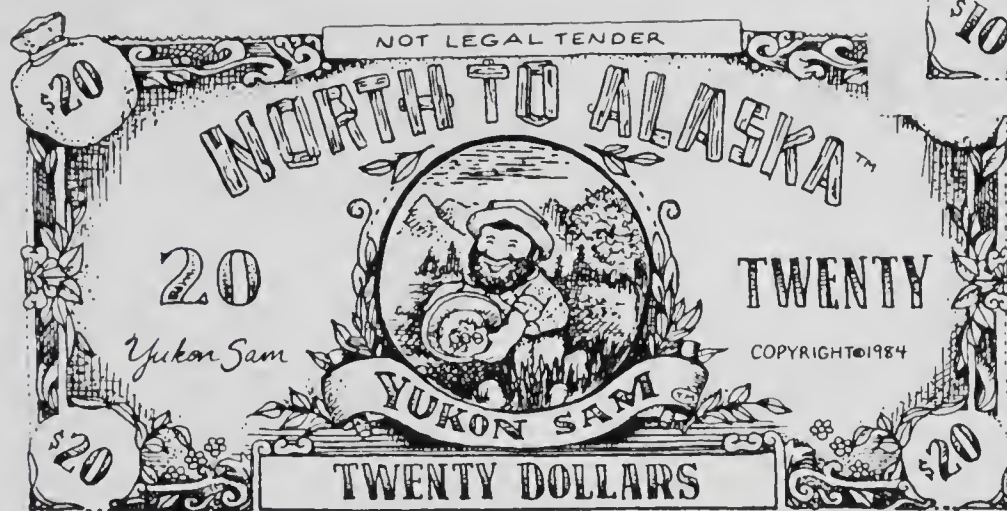
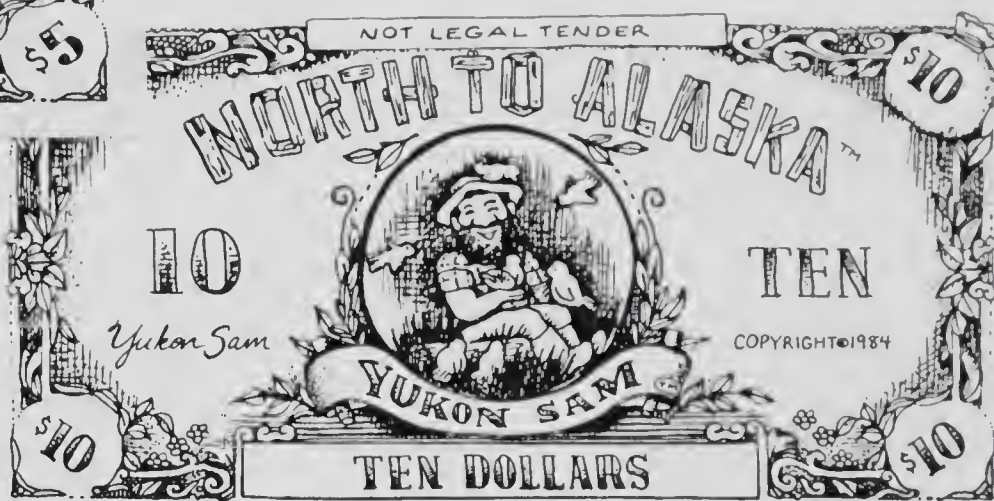
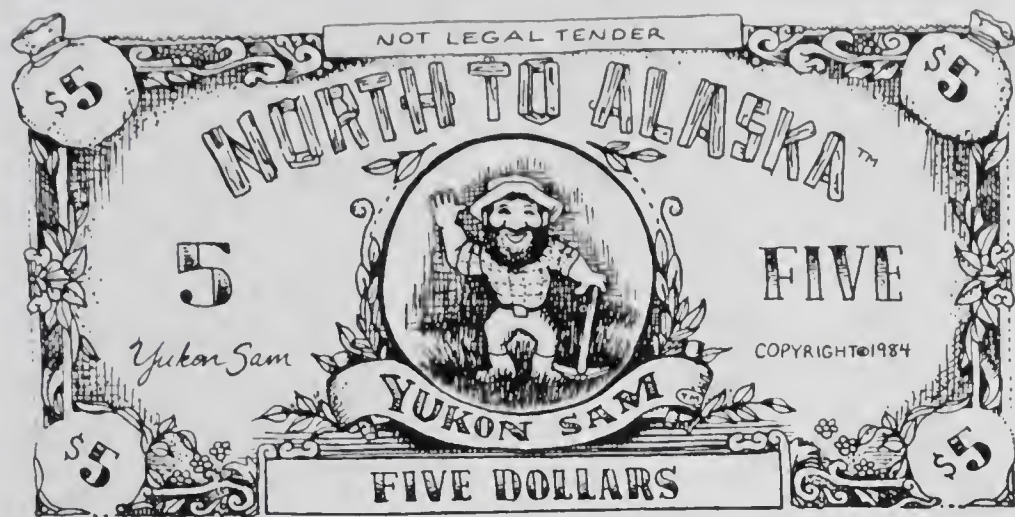
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Jim also sent in this punch card from Photovision of Whitehorse. It is blue on white cardstock, 89mm by 50mm.

Enough cannot be said of all our contributors, and this is especially true of Jim Robb. This newsletter would be far smaller and more boring without his very frequent submissions. Thanks, Jim!



NORTH TO ALASKA



"Currency" from the board game "North to Alaska", circa 1984, will be offered in Steve Alpert's next auction, to close in January, 1995. The notes are colored as follows: \$5 yellow, \$10 pink, \$20 purple, \$50 blue and \$100 green. Those wishing a copy of this mail bid should contact Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066.



## AUSSIE EXPLORER

Australia's "Masterpieces in Silver" for 1994 will honor five Australian explorers. Among them is famed antarctic explorer Sir Douglas Mawson. Mawson was previously honored on the \$100 note issued in 1984. The \$5 silver coin features a portrait of Mawson with a map of Australian Antarctic Territory.

Mawson first went "south" with Ernest Shackleton in 1907. Mawson then led the Australasian Antarctic Expedition in 1911. The story of this expedition can be found in "Mawson's Will, by Lennard Bickel. It is a classic of polar exploration and survival.



The Royal Australian Mint has been getting a bit carried away (as has the U.S. Mint) trying to separate the collector from his money. Multiple issues each year with different themes and questionable worthiness. The Australian birds series is interesting, but is it appropriate? In any case, for our purposes (polar related), the 1992 silver \$10 coin featured Emperor Penguins, indigenous to Australian Antarctic Territory.

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## SOURDOUGH LIL'S, WESTPORT, WASHINGTON



Bary Bender sent in the postcard shown above so we could see what Sourdough Lil's actually looks like! A deceptive token, it is not for a whore house in Skagway!





Here is something from 1967 that we hadn't seen before. Issued by the Muldoon-Tudor Lions Club, it notes the centennial of the purchase of Alaska. The front is black on white, while the back is light green on white. The size is 165mm by 72mm.

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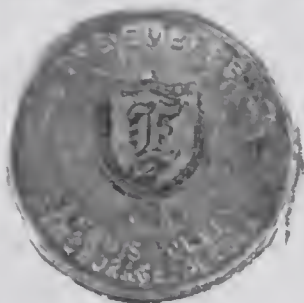
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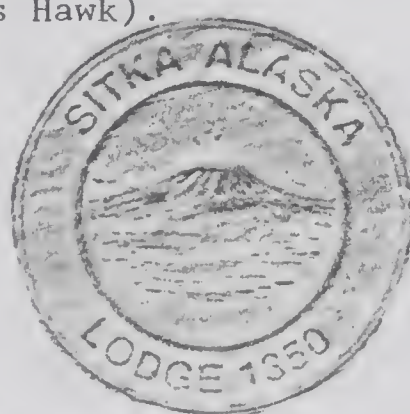
**ANCHORAGE:** The Embers, 1975, Dennis Powell, good for one drink. Aluminum, 29 mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**ANCHORAGE:** State Elks Convention, 1994, Anchorage Lodge No. 1351. Bronze, 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk)).



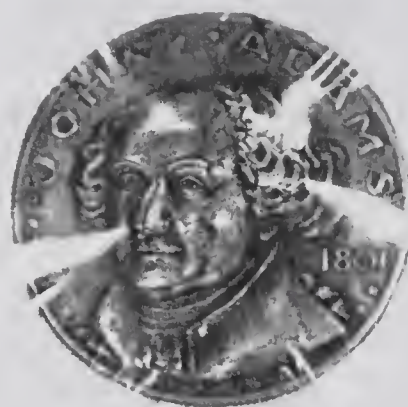
**JUNEAU:** Randle's Bar, 5 cents I/T, B-55a. Listed, not illustrated (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**SITKA:** Moose Lodge 1350, 75th anniversary, 1913-1988. Brass, 39mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**ALASKA:** Brass medal, 39mm. Obverse design similar to one used for a 25th anniversary of statehood medal in 1984 (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**ALASKA:** President John Adams/Alaska State Seal. High relief, 39mm copper. What does Adams have to do with Alaska. Why it is simple. Adams was the second president and alphabetically, Alaska is the second state! Anyone have any better ideas? (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

*This medallion is produced from Yellowknife Gold. In 1966 the North West Territories produced 15 million dollars worth of gold bullion and a total of 120 million worth of minerals.*



*The first Yellowknife gold brick was poured at Cominco Ltd. on September 5th, 1938.*

**YELLOWKNIFE, NWT:** Canadian Centennial Commemorative. Obverse is the Territorial coat of arms superimposed on a stylized maple leaf. The number "382" is stamped into the surface (serial number??). Reverse is the Yellowknife coat of arms with the legend "Commemorating Canadian Centennial Year 1867-1967". The medal is 20mm, weighs 6DWT and is made of 14K gold (submitted by Glenn Despain).



**FAIRBANKS:** A new variety of the MACS transportation token has been reported with an HH mintmark. We have these available for \$2 plus SASE. We also have a very limited quantity of B-T5a (300-I) for \$5 each. There appears to be two varieties of MACS without the HH mintmark. Maybe more on this later.







Fairbanks Daily News Miner	34,74		
Farmer's Market	34	MACS	80
Fetler, Shetland Islands	4	Magician tokens	45,52
Floriana, Malta	28	Majni, Bob	51,53
Food Stamp tokens	34	Malta	28
Fort St. John, B.C.	53	Mascot, AEF	45,52
Fort Ross, CA	62	Mat-Su Resort	34
Franklin, Sir John	69	Maverick	55
Freebie	63	Mawson, Sir Douglas	78
Frequent Foto Club	76	Mid Yell, Shetland Islands	4
Fur Rendezvous	18,43	Military	15,50,65
GAI	43	Moose Creek, AK	55
Gambling chips	65	Moose Lodge	50,80
Gander, Nfld.	36,45	MV Youcon	32
Garbage	11	National Federation of the Blind	50
Glacier Bay, AK	57	National Governors Conference	24
Gold	80	Nesting, Shetland Islands	4
Gold Nuggie Dougie	33	Newfoundland: see	
Golden Days	57	Gander	
Golden Lion	24	N.F.B.	50
Golden North Hotel	55	Nome, AK	15,24,55
Good Luck Charm	55	Northern Inter-Cities Conference	50
Good Timers Private Club	62	Northlander Hotel	24
Goosewatcher	31	North Maven, Shetland Islands	4
Greater Anchorage Inc.	43	North To Alaska game	77
Greenland	18,64	North Yell, Shetland Islands	4
Grinnell, Henry	69	Occidental Hotel	16
Guest Pass	34	Occupied Japan	16
Haines, AK	65	Old Prospector, The	53,54
Hawk, Kurtis	13	Palace Theatre & Saloon	48
Historic McCarthy	20	Parking tokens	43
Hoard	13	Peary, Robert	57
Hockey	73	Penguins	78
Home Port Subs	42	Peterkin, Jack	53,54
Hoonah, AK	13	Pete's Place	55
Hot Rods	34	Photovision	76
Icy Straits Salmon Co.	13	Pine Valley Motel & Cafe	49
Iditarod Sled Dog Race	60,65	Pine Valley, Yukon	49
India Rose	42	Pizza Hut	32
Johnson, Lyndon B.	15	Polar Bear vignette	19
Jualin, AK	73	Polar Exploration	24,41,57,69
Juneau	11,24,80	Political Buttons	15
Kaladi Brothers	10	Post Exchange	50
Kengyel, Tony	16	Prices Realized	8,29,73
Keno City, Yukon	76	Quint, G.W.	18
Key Fob	76	Railroad	50,55
King Crab Festival	43	Randle's Bar	80
Klondike Gold Rush	51	Remick, Jerry	36
Klondike Hotel	11	Riverboat, steamers	17,32
Klondyke Music Hall	28	Robb, Jim	17,23,32,49,61
Klukwan, Inc.	24	Roberts Billiard-Bowling	10
Knowles, Tony	56	Rocky Mountain Fort	53
Kodiak, AK	43	Rogers, Will	18
Lerwick, Shetland Islands	4	Russia	29,39,70
Lions Club	43,55	Russian American Company	52,62,70
Loewen, Philip	55	R & W	18
Lunasting, Shetland Islands	5	Sakha	29
Lyall, Bob	28	Sandsting, Shetland Islands	5



Sandwick, Shetland Islands	5
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Serum Run, 1925	12
Sheep Creek, AK	11
Shetland Islands	1,9
Shipwreck	9
Silver, 1 oz. bars and rounds	24,50,57,60,64,65,74
Simpanen, George	63
Sitka, AK	50,80
Skagway, AK	55
Skerries, Shetland Islands	6
Sømød, Jørgen	64
Sourdough Fuel	65
Sourdough Lil's	78
South Coast Inc.	24
South Georgia Island	65
South Yell, Shetland Islands	4,5
Spitsbergen	35,41,45
Spring Parking	43
Sternwheeler Lounge	61
Summit '93	23
Sunset Strip	61
Svalbard	35,41,45
Taku Arms Lounge	61
Talisman Restaurant	49
Tanana Valley State Fair	56
Tange, Gary	52
Taste of Anchorage	10
Thane, AK	11,55
Tingwall, Shetland Islands	6
Tobacco cutter	16
Trade Dollars	36,44,53,59
Transportation tokens	80
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Union Bank of Tennessee	21
University of Alaska, Fairbanks	24
Unst, Shetland Islands	6
U.S.M.C.	50
V.F.W.	43
Vogler, Joe	31,64
Walker, Candy	63
Walls, Shetland Islands	6
Walsay, Shetland Islands	6
Wasilla, AK	34
Waugaman, Candy	63
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Westport, Washington	78
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Whaling	65
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Wintercities	50
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Wooden tokens	24,34,62,65
Wrangell, AK	34,55
W. & P.	55

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